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AHA, DR. WHATSIT!
THE CASE TAKES AN
INTERESTING TURN! HERE'S
A MUCH MORE SUSPICIOUS
CHARACTER TO FOLLOW!



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CRIME DEPT.: A FOG LIES THICK ON LONDON, GIVING A LONELY, EERIE QUALITY TO THE NIGHT SOUNDS!... THE OMINOUS CHIMING OF BIG BEN... THE FOOTSTEPS OF SOMETHING SCUTTLING BY... THE HOLLOW CLACK OF DR. WHATSIT'S HEAD COMING IN CONTACT WITH A LAMPOST AS HE RUSHES THROUGH THE FOG TO SEE HIS OLD FRIEND...

SHERMLOCK SHOMES!

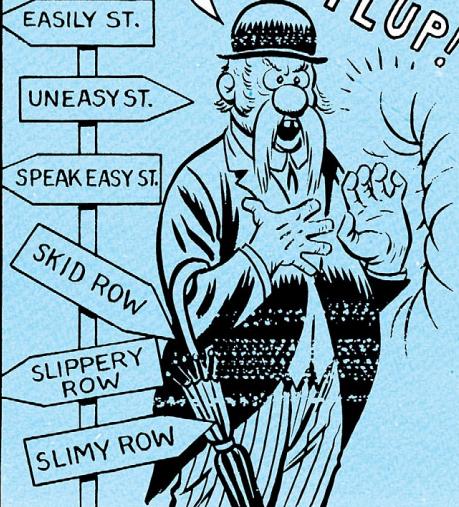


DRAT!
WHERE
IS
SHOMES?

AHOY THERE! WE'VE
BEEN SAILING FOR
DAYS! COULD YOU
DIRECT US TO
PING-PONG ISLAND?

GAD!... EVEN THE
BOATS ARE LOST
IN THIS DРАTTED
PEA-SOUP FOG!

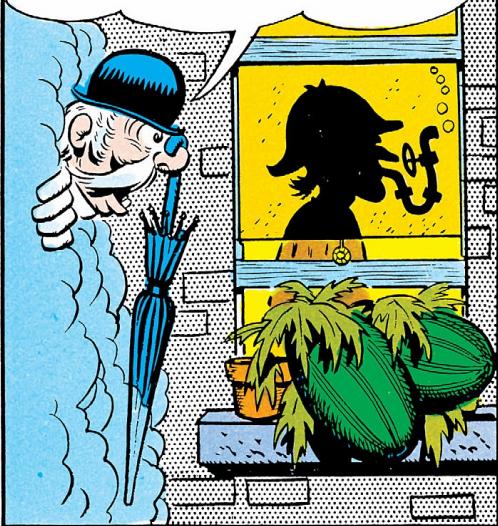
WHERE THE
DEVIL IS
SHOMES?



OHO! I SAY, BY JOVE, HYAR IT
IS SHO' NUFF! $2\frac{1}{2}$ BAKER STREET...
I WONDER IF HERMLOCK IS
SHOME... ER... ER... IF
SHERMLOCK IS HOME...?

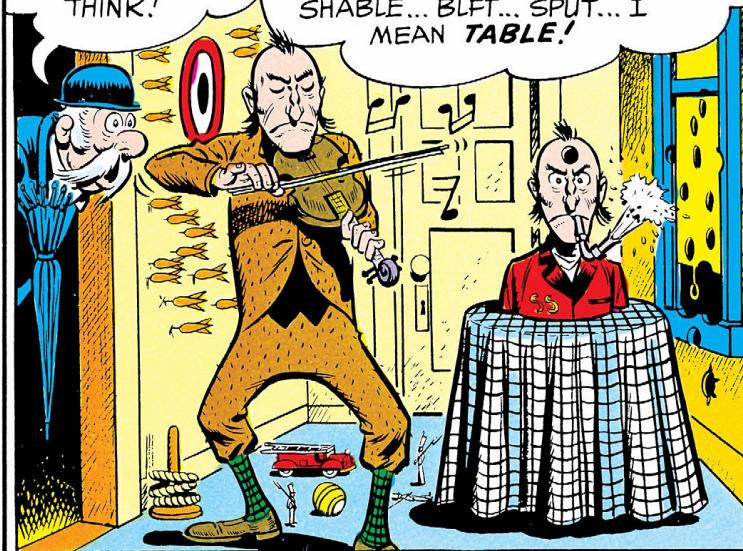


AHA! THERE'S THE OLD RASCAL'S SHADOW ON THE WINDOW SHADE NOW, SMOKING HIS SHAG TOBACCO ... A PERFECT TARGET FOR ARTY-MORTY, SHOMES'S ARCH-ENEMY!



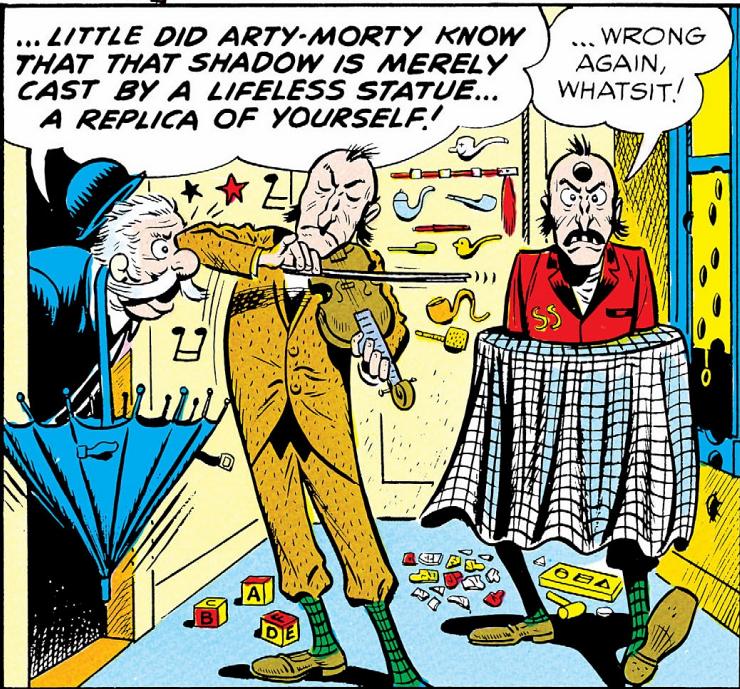
AH, SHOMES! PLAYING THE VIOLIN AS USUAL TO HELP YOU THINK!

CLEVER TRICK THAT... CASTING A SHADE SHADOW OF SHERMLOCK SHOMES WITH A SHTATSHUE SHTANDING ON A SHABLE... BLFT... SPUT... I MEAN TABLE!

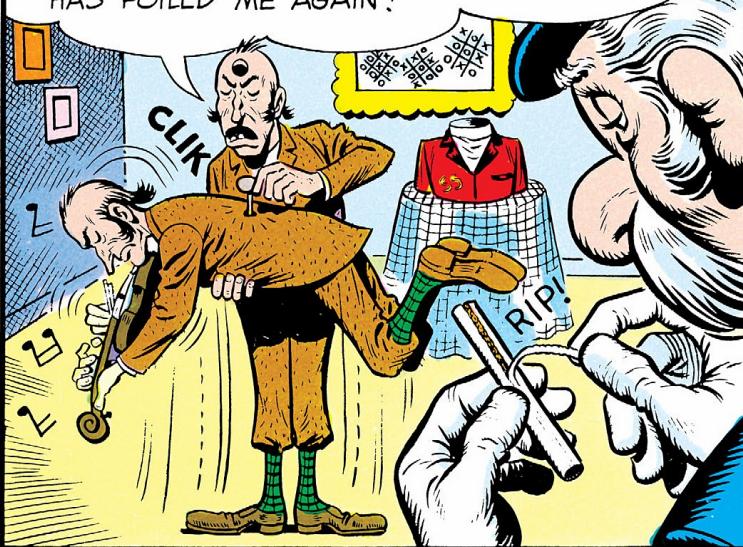


...LITTLE DID ARTY-MORTY KNOW THAT THAT SHADOW IS MERELY CAST BY A LIFELESS STATUE... A REPLICA OF YOURSELF!

...WRONG AGAIN, WHATSIT!



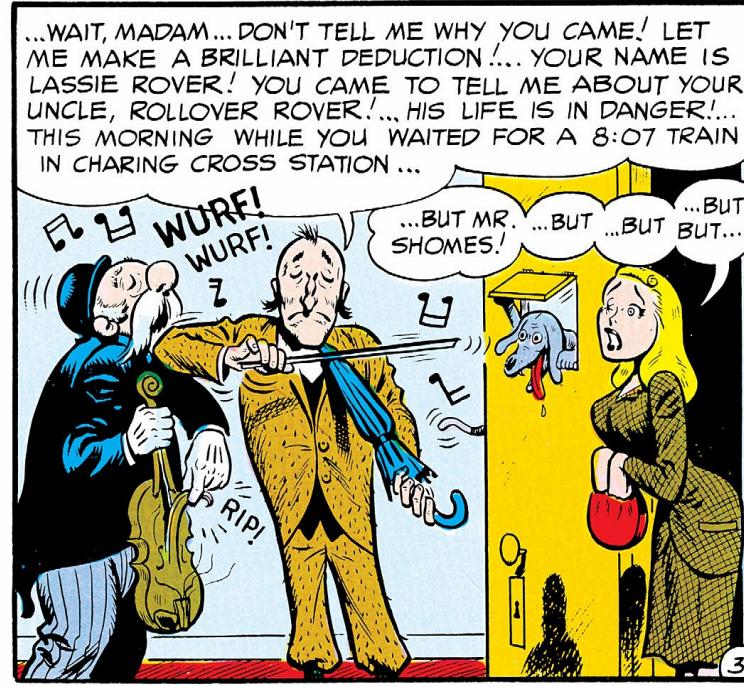
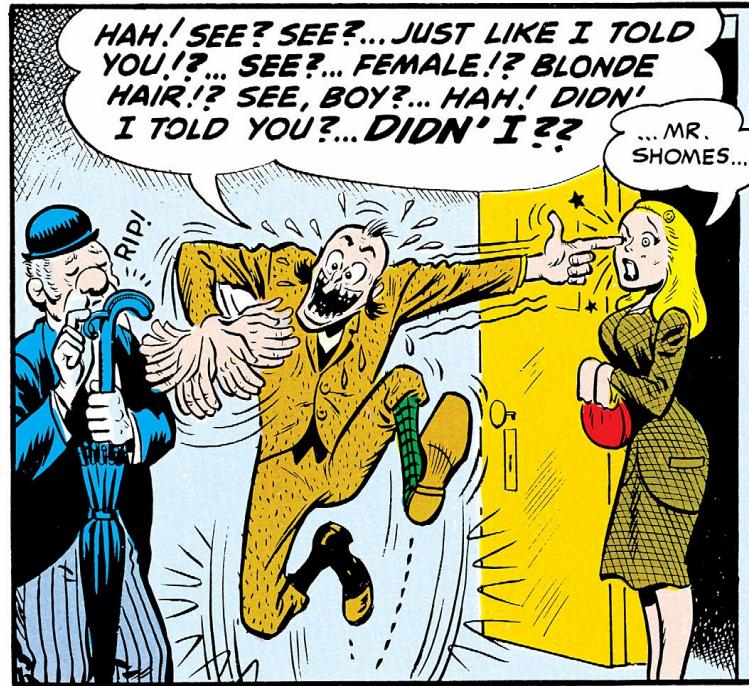
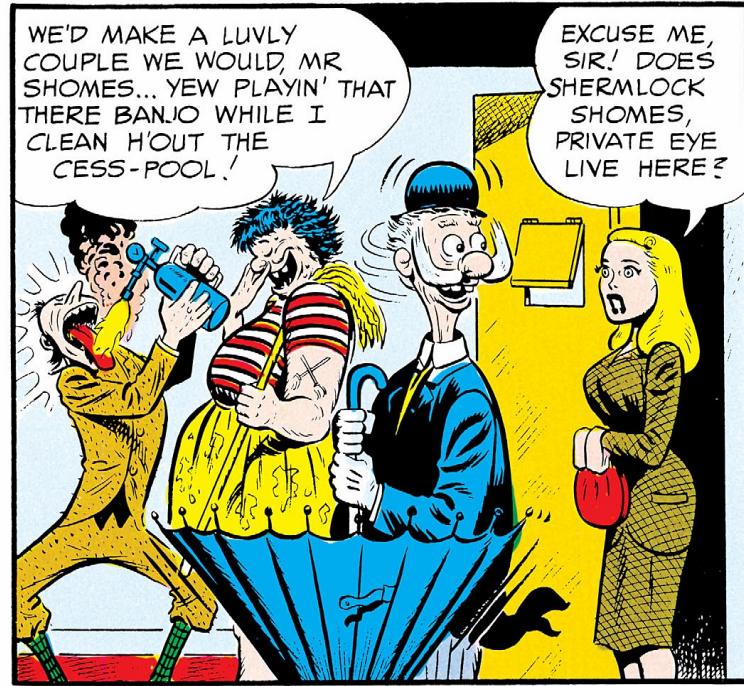
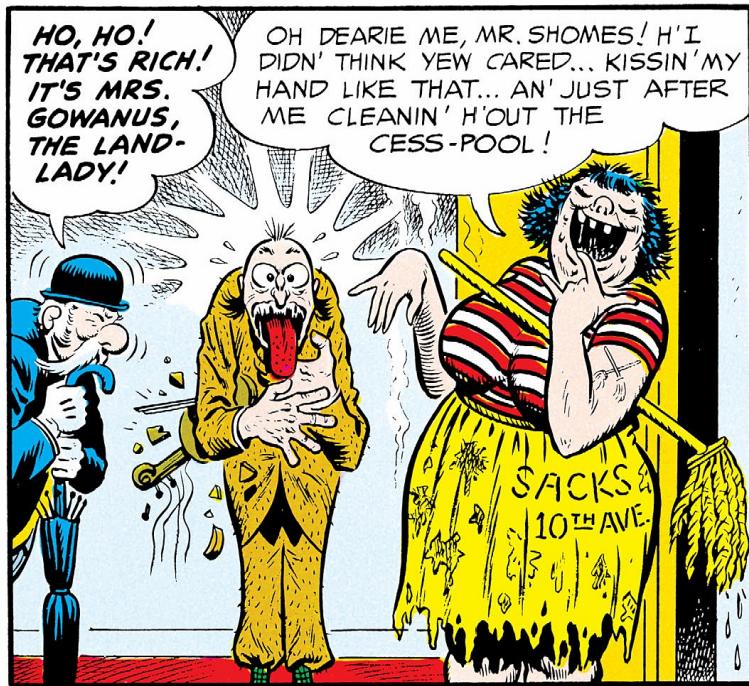
THE STATUE IS REAL!... THE VIOLIN PLAYER IS A LIFELESS STATUE... A REPLICA OF MYSELF, CLEVERLY MANIPULATED BY WATCH-WORKS TO MOVE ABOUT AND TO PLAY THE VIOLIN!... ARTY-MORTY HAS FOILED ME AGAIN!

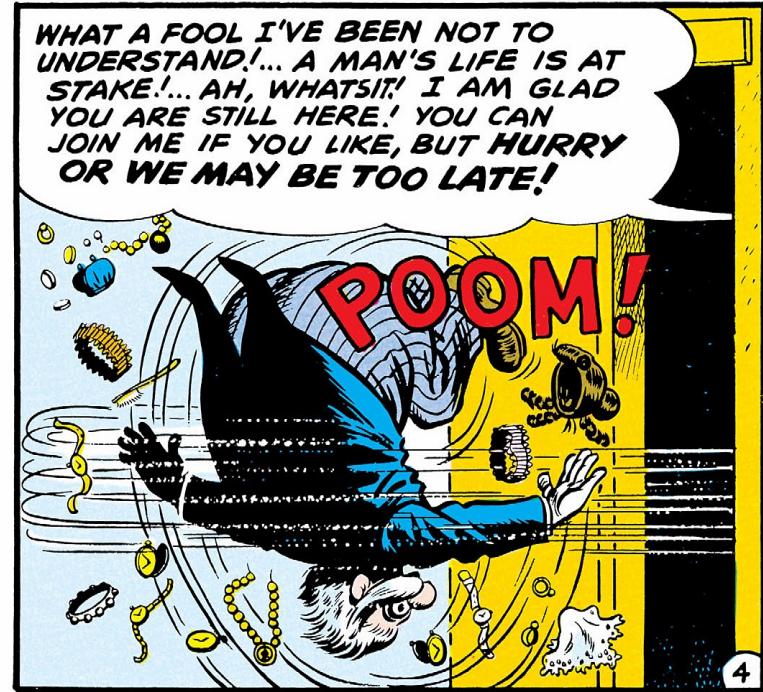
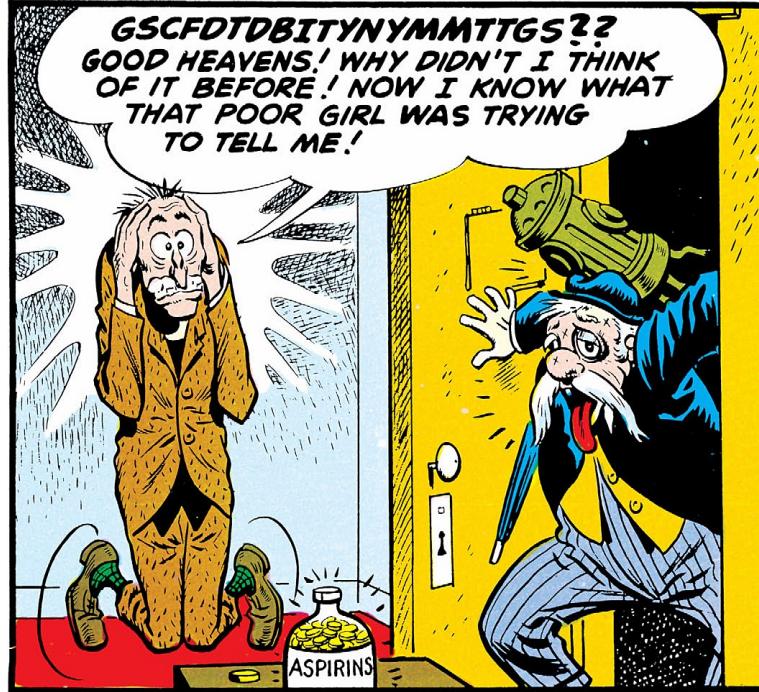
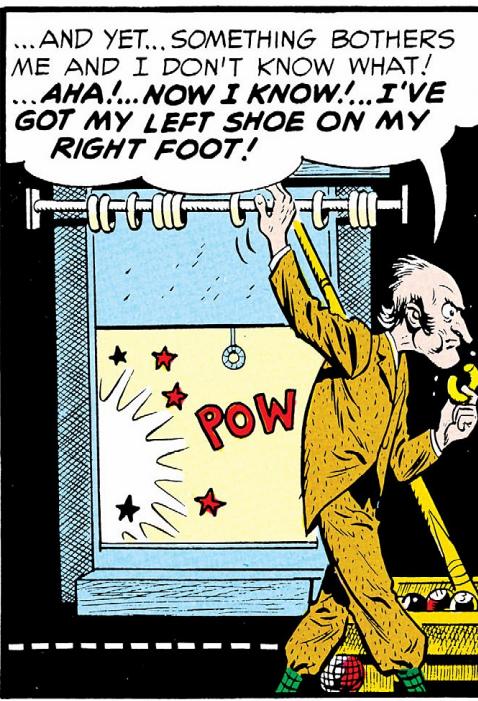
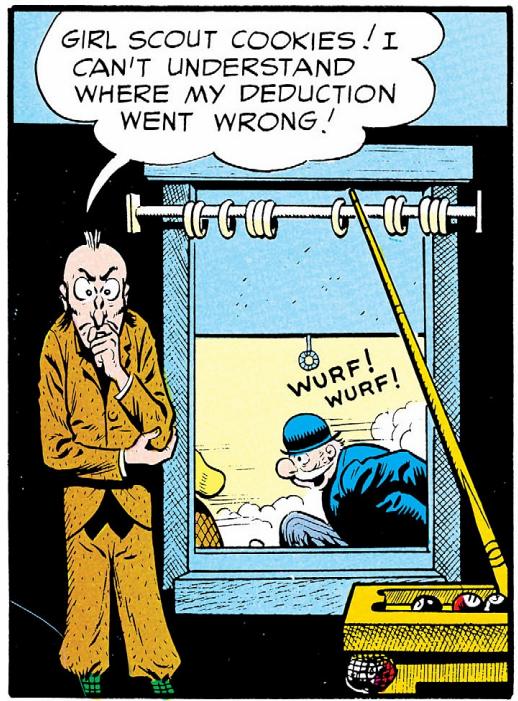
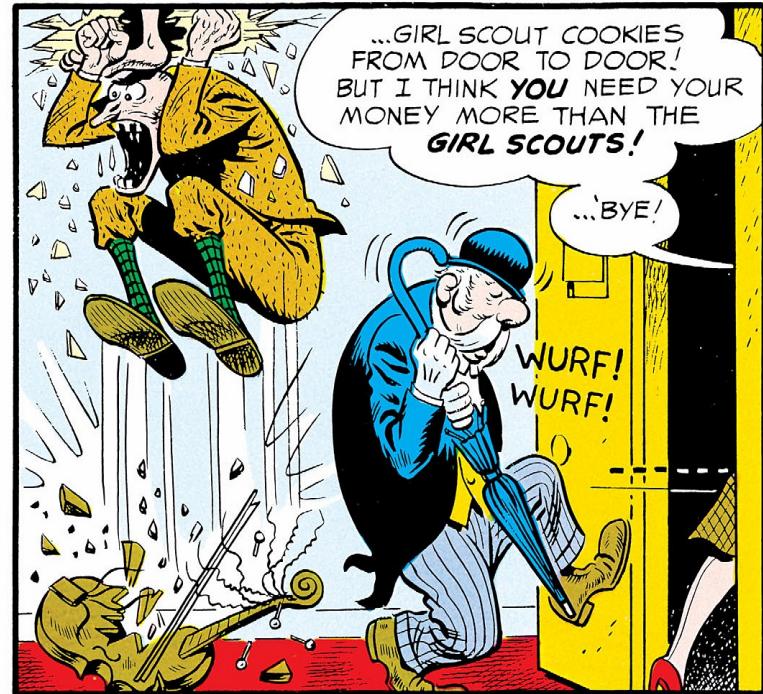
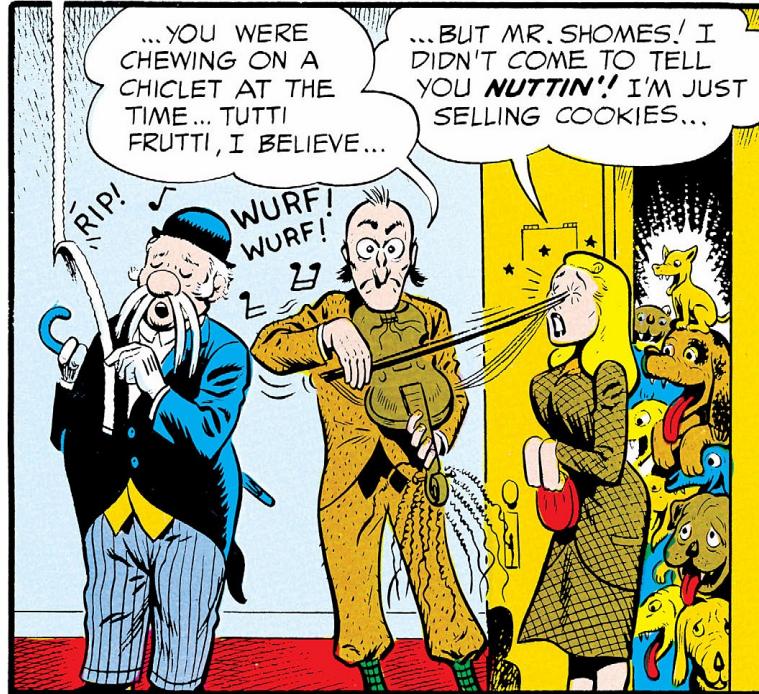


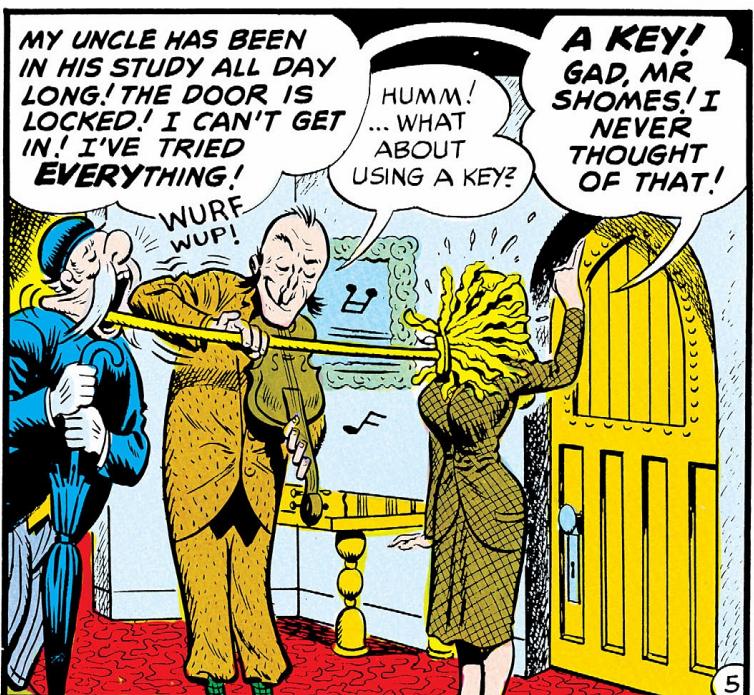
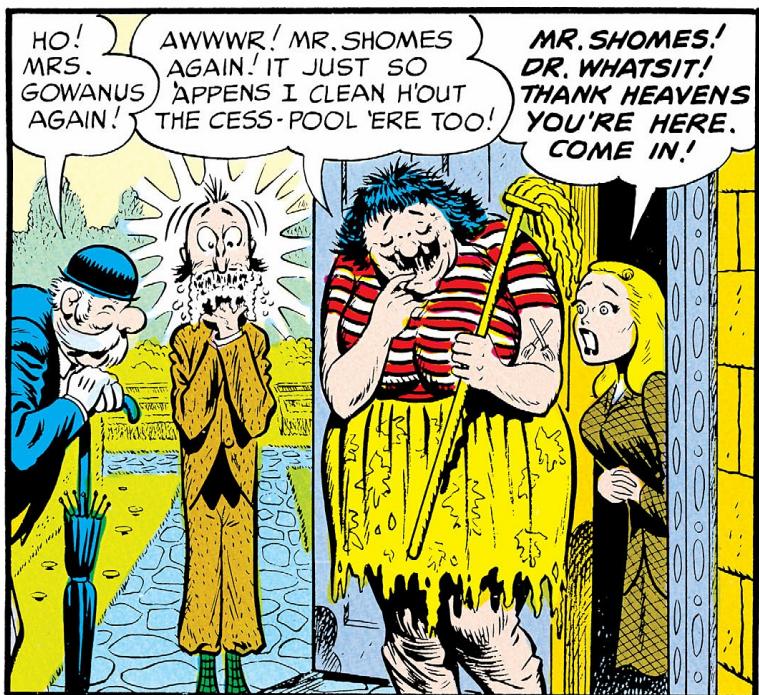
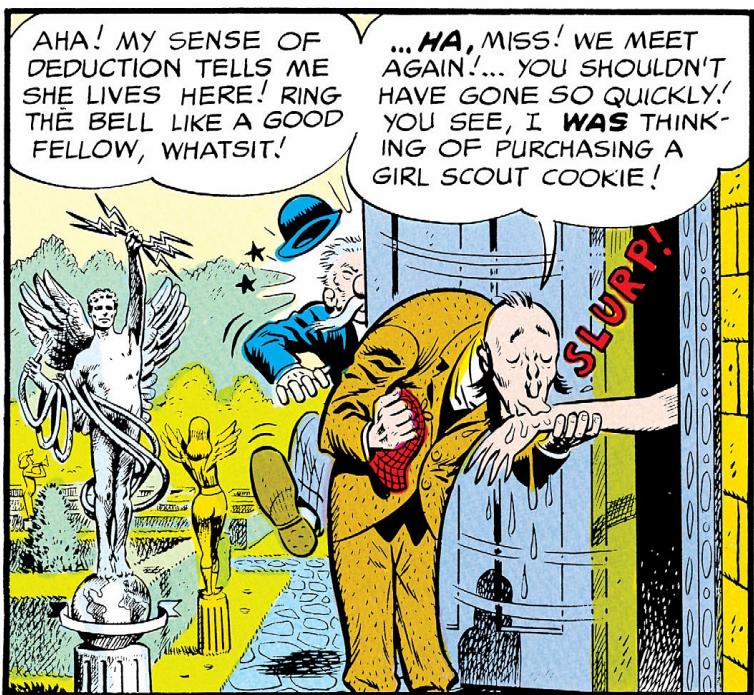
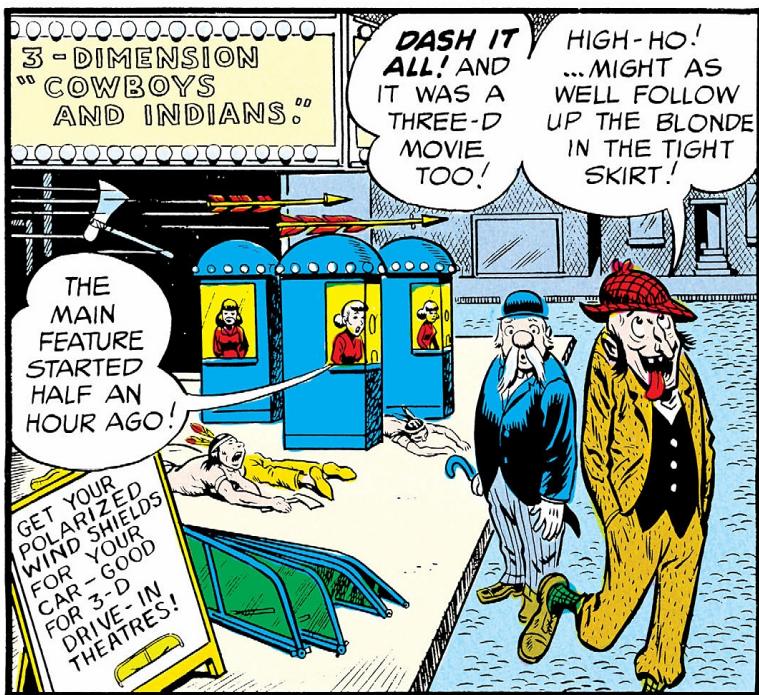
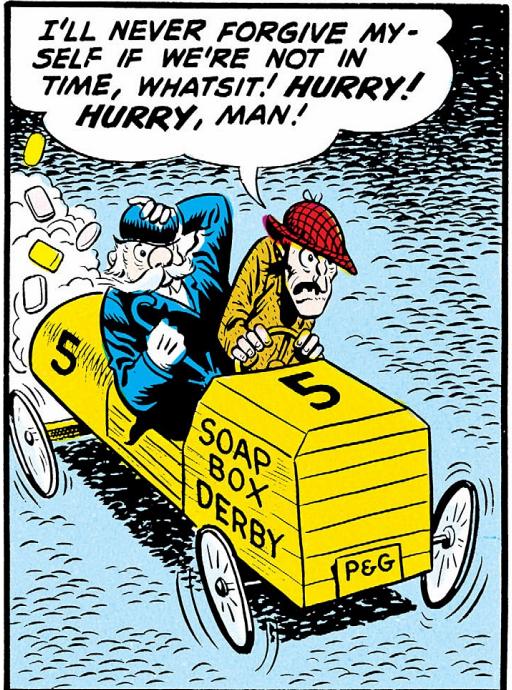
AHA, SHOMES! YOU'RE PUTTING VIOLIN TO CHIN! YOU'RE GOING TO THINK!... BY JOVE! MY FAVORITE CLASSICAL TUNE... "DOGGIE IN THE WINDOW"!

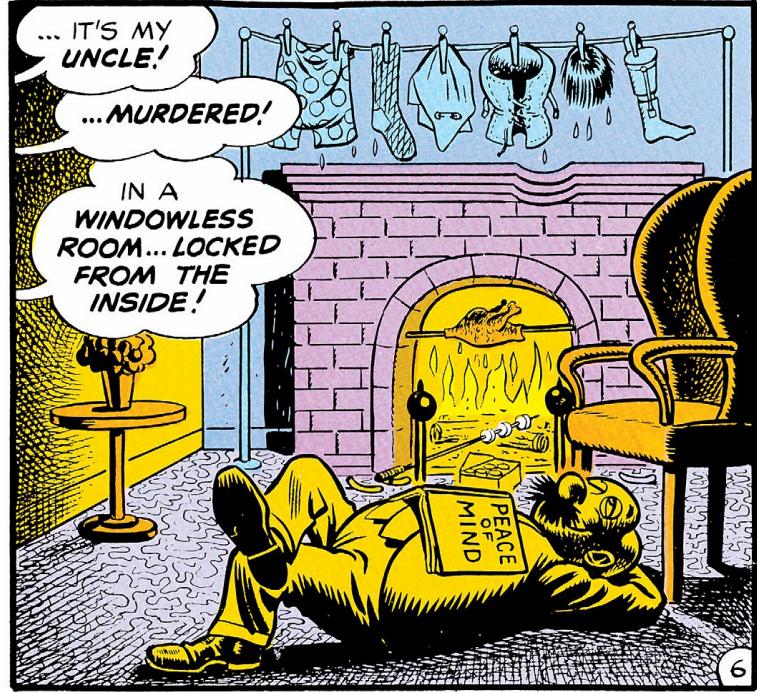
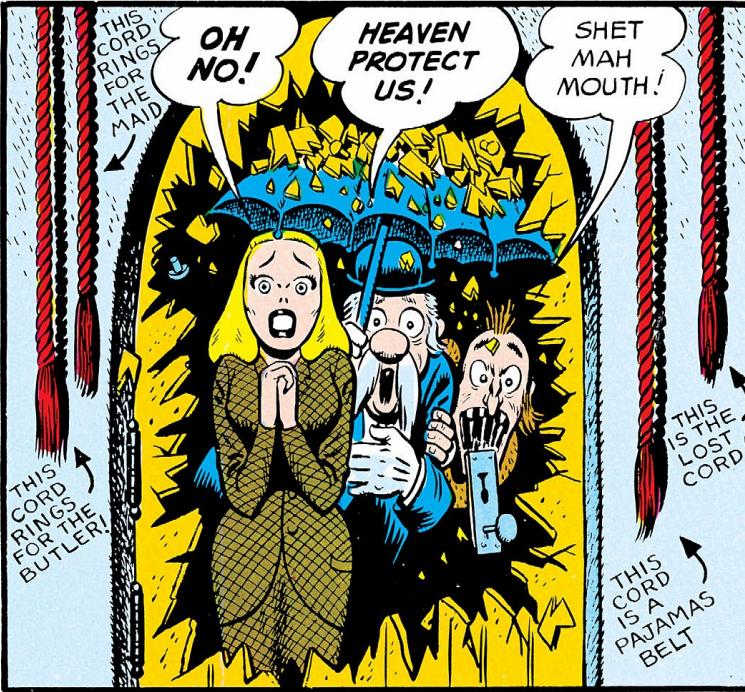
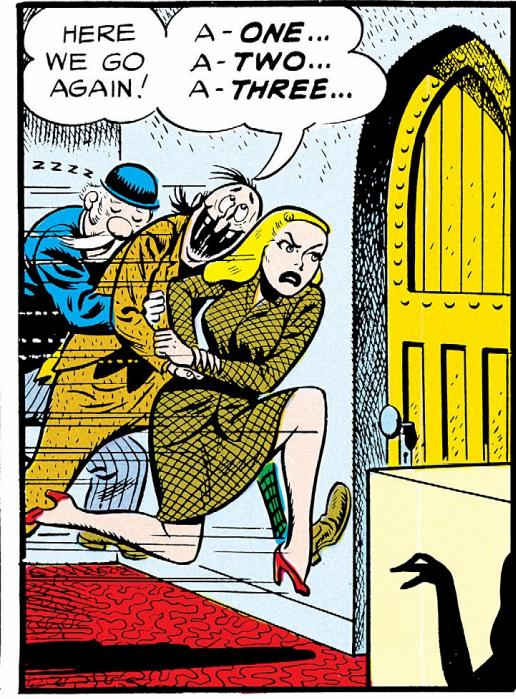
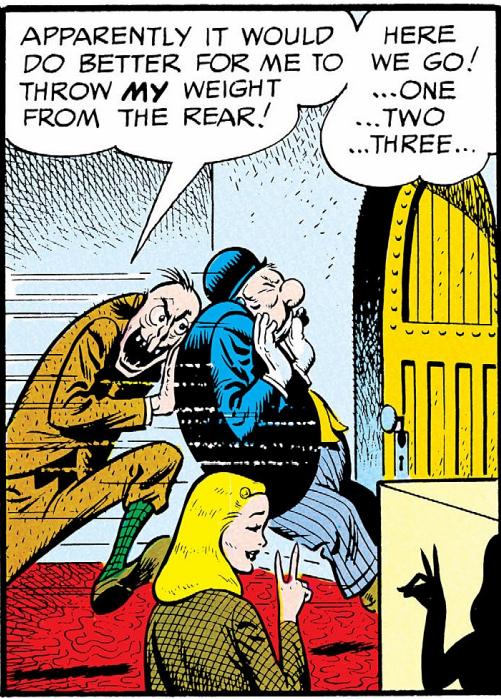
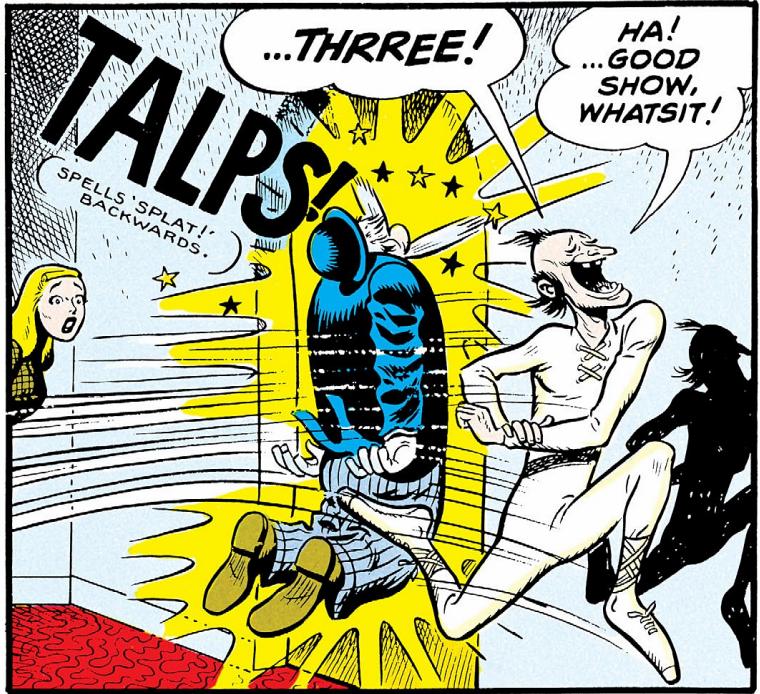
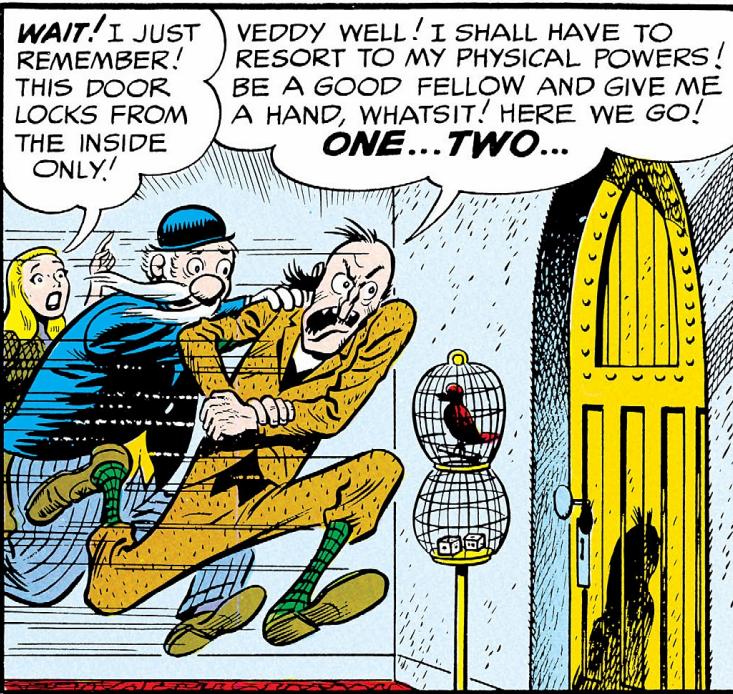
WHATSIT? WHAT IF I WAS TO TELL YOU THAT IN A FEW MINUTES WE SHALL HAVE A VISITOR...





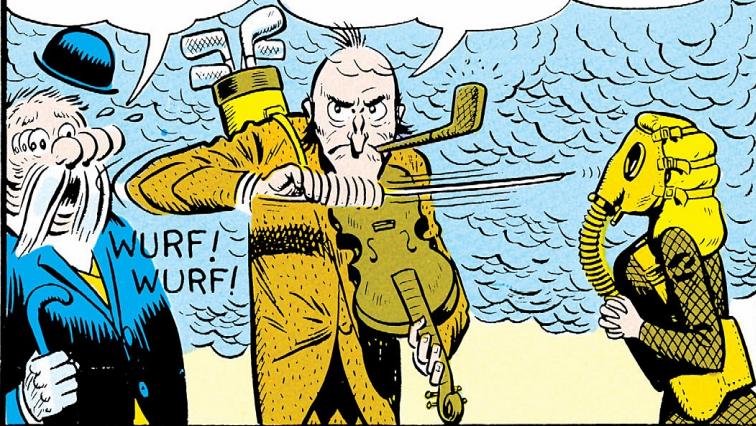






UH-OH! EVERYBODY LOOK OUT, 'CAUSE SHOMES IS SMOKING HIS FAVORITE SHAG TOBACCO AND FIDDLING HIS FAVORITE TUNE!

...VERY INTERESTING CASE, WHATSIT! IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE MURDERED MAN, AFTER LOCKING HIMSELF IN HIS STUDY, TRIPPED AND FELL AGAINST THE MANTLEPIECE... SMASHING HIS HEAD IN! IN OTHER WORDS... IT WAS MADE TO LOOK LIKE AN ACCIDENT!

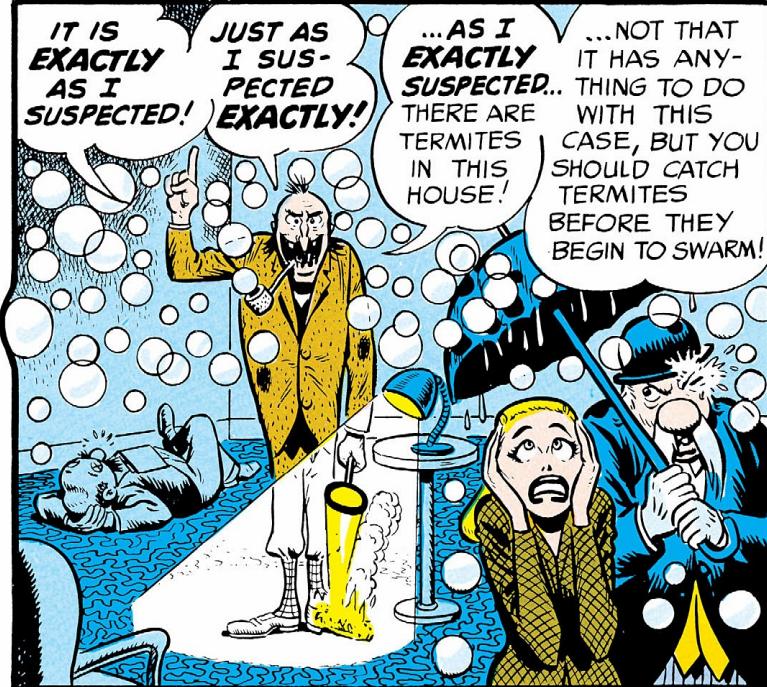


IT IS EXACTLY AS I SUSPECTED!

JUST AS I SUSPECTED EXACTLY!

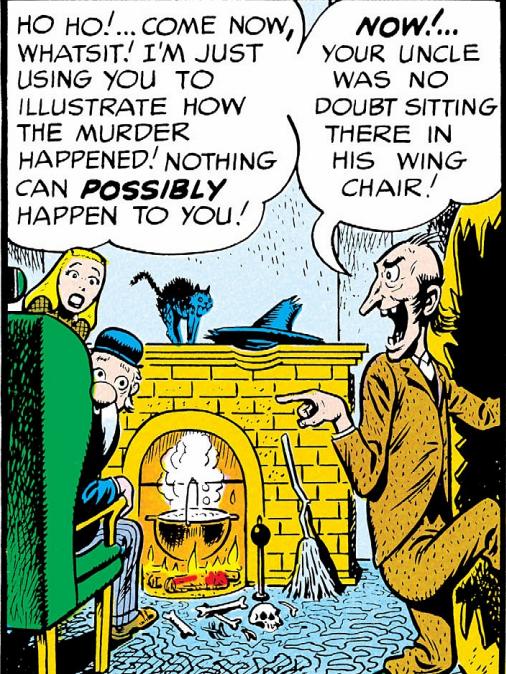
...AS I EXACTLY SUSPECTED... NOT THAT IT HAS ANYTHING TO DO THERE ARE TERMITES IN THIS HOUSE!

...NOT THAT WITH THIS CASE, BUT YOU SHOULD CATCH TERMITES BEFORE THEY BEGIN TO SWARM!



HO HO!... COME NOW, WHATSIT! I'M JUST USING YOU TO ILLUSTRATE HOW THE MURDER HAPPENED! NOTHING CAN POSSIBLY HAPPEN TO YOU!

NOW!... YOUR UNCLE WAS NO DOUBT SITTING THERE IN HIS WING CHAIR!



THE MURDERER KNOWING YOUR UNCLE USUALLY RETIRED TO THE STUDY TO READ, ENTERED UNSEEN BY WAY OF... HEH... HEH... THE CHIMNEY!



...BUT THERE IS SOMETHING VERY SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THIS ROOM!

...LET ME SEE NOW!

HMM!

AHA!

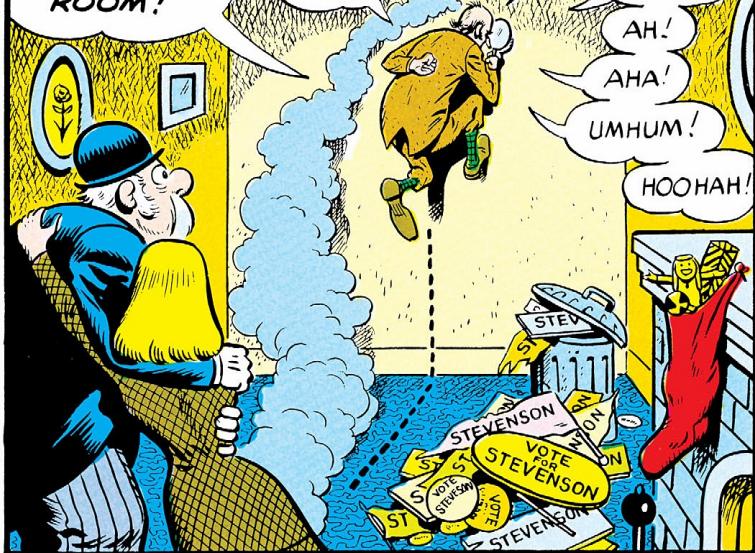
AHUM!

AH!

AHA!

UMHUM!

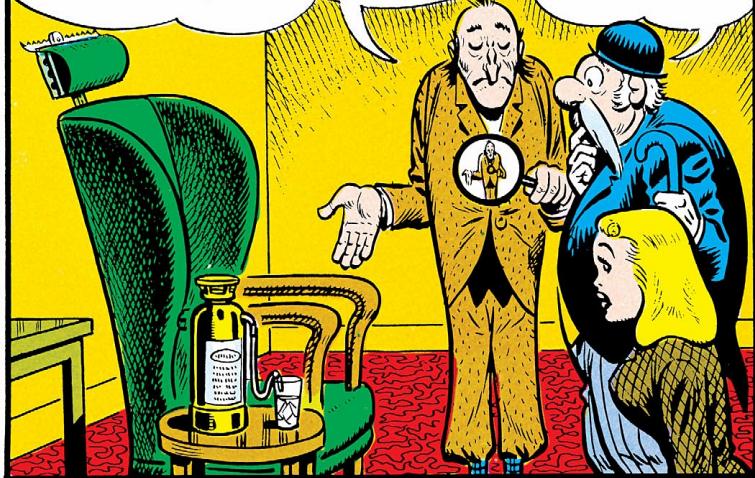
HOOHAAH!



TO GET BACK TO THIS BORING OL' CASE, I WILL SHOW HOW THE VICTIM DID NOT, AFTER LOCKING HIMSELF IN HIS STUDY, TRIP AND FALL AGAINST THE MANTLEPIECE AND SMASH HIS HEAD IN AS IF IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!

WHATSIT! ...SIT IN THAT CHAIR, PLEASE!

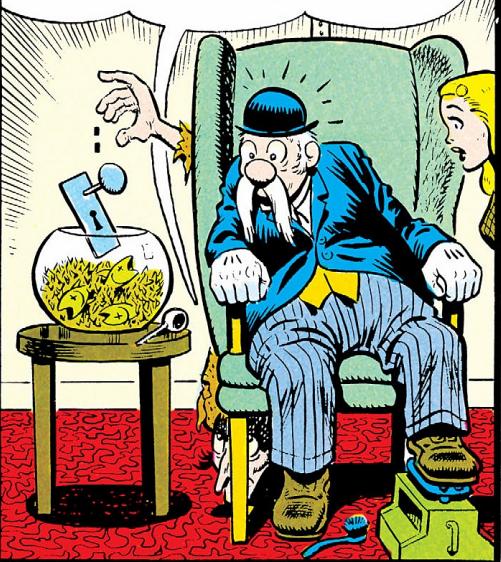
TH- THE MURDERED MAN'S CHAIR?



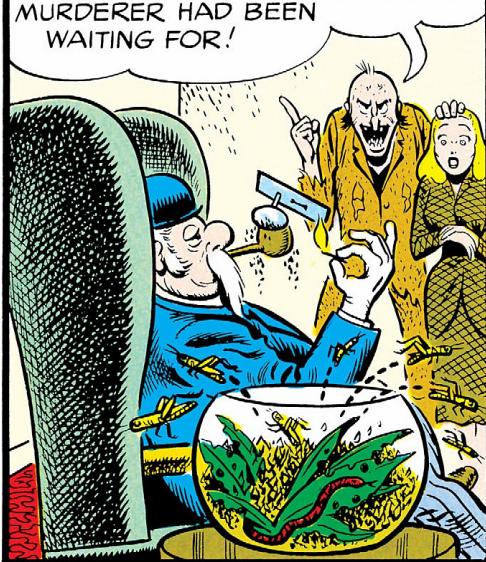
THE ROARING FIRE IN THE FIREPLACE PRESENTED NO OBSTACLE SINCE THE MURDERER QUIETLY PUSHED THE LOGS ASIDE BEFORE COMING THROUGH!



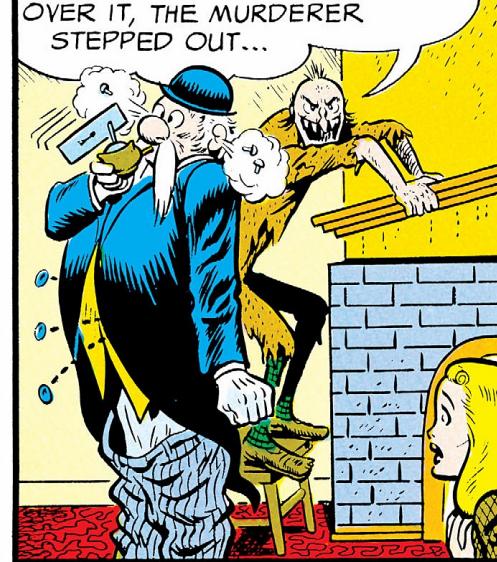
THE MURDERER THEN VERY CLEVERLY SLIPPED A DUPLICATE DOOR-KNOB MECHANISM INTO THE MURDERED MAN'S JAR OF SHAG-TOBACCO!



IMAGINE THE MURDERED MAN'S SURPRISE WHEN HE TRIED TO STUFF THE DOOR KNOB INTO HIS PIPE! THIS WAS THE MOMENT THE MURDERER HAD BEEN WAITING FOR!

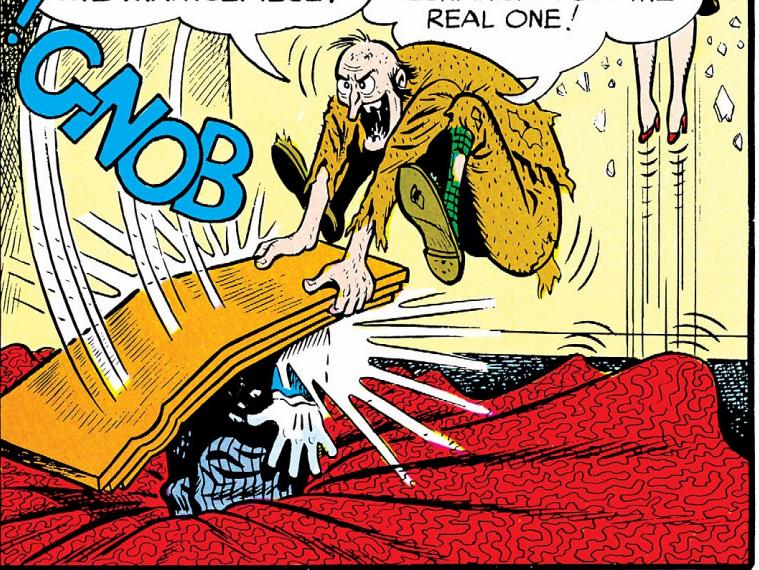


IF YOU NOTICE, THE MANTLEPIECE COMES LOOSE! AS THE MURDERED MAN STUDIED THE DOOR KNOB, GETTING HIS FINGERPRINTS ALL OVER IT, THE MURDERER STEPPED OUT...

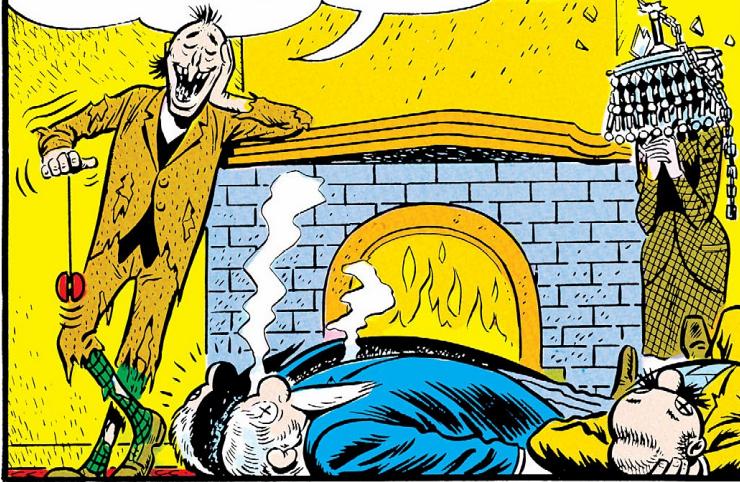


...AND DEFTLY BASHED THE VICTIM ON THE HEAD WITH THE MANTLEPIECE!

...THEN WITH GLOVED HANDS, HE SUBSTITUTED HIS DOOR-KNOB MECHANISM FOR THE REAL ONE!



THE MURDERER THEN LOCKED THE DOOR, REPLACED THE BURNING LOGS, AND STOLE QUIETLY UP THE CHIMNEY AND INTO THE NIGHT, MAKING IT LOOK AS IF THE MURDERED MAN, AFTER LOCKING HIMSELF IN HIS STUDY, TRIPPED AND FELL AGAINST THE MANTLEPIECE... SMASHING HIS HEAD IN!

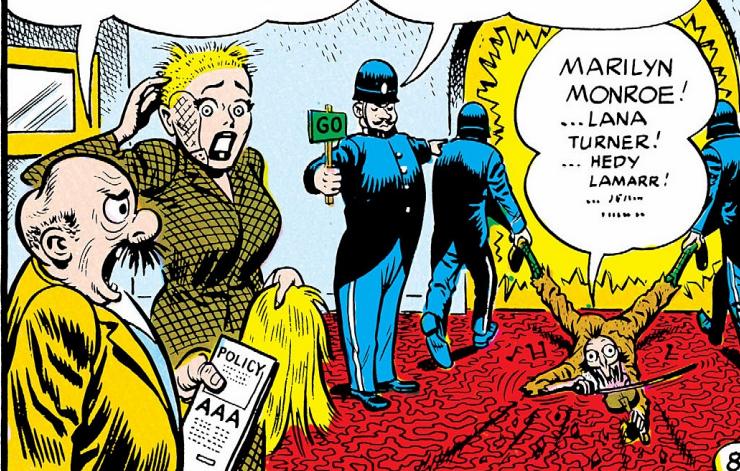


...AND THAT MURDERER IS YOU, MADAM... ARTY-MORTY IN DISGUISE!... CAH-MON, ARTY... TAKE OFF THAT WIG! SCOTLAND YARD IS ON THE WAY! YOU MIGHT AS WELL CONFESS!



THE WAY I WAS KILLED... AFTER LOCKING MYSELF IN MY STUDY, I TRIPPED AND FELL AGAINST THE MANTLEPIECE... SMASHING MY HEAD IN! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!

SHOMES! SCOTLAND YARD ARRESTS YOU FOR THE MURDER OF DR. WHATSIT! WE WARN YOU... ANYTHING YOU SAY WILL BE HELD AGAINST YOU!

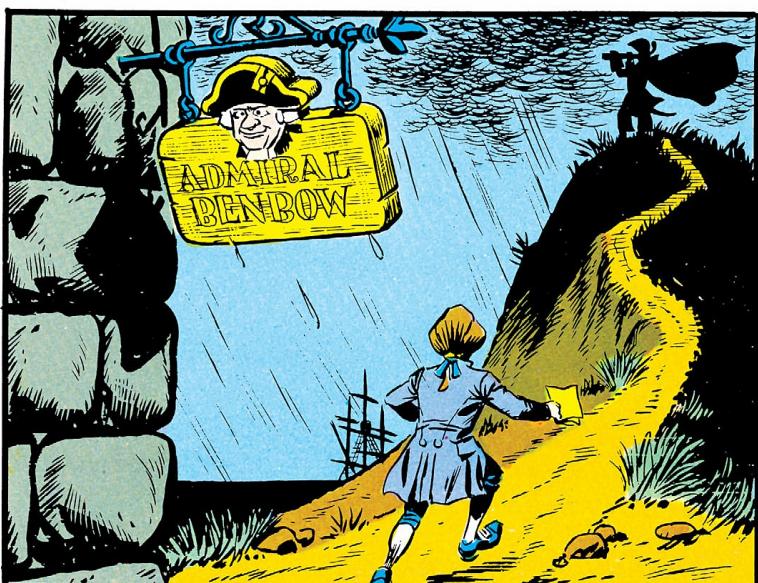


CLASSIC-TYPE COMICS DEPT.: AND NOW WE PRESENT SOMETHING REAL HIGH CLASS!...A FAMOUS NOVEL IN NEW EASY TO READ CONDENSED COMIC BOOK FORM! JUST THINK! IN FIVE MINUTES, YOU CAN READ THIS FAMOUS NOVEL IN EASY TO READ, CONDENSED COMIC BOOK FORM... AND WRITE A WHOLE BOOK REPORT ON...



MY NAME IS MELVIN HAWKINS! MY MOTHER AND I RUN A MOTEL ON THE SEA-COAST OF ENGLAND! ONE STORMY DAY, I CLIMBED THE HILL BEHIND THE HOUSE...

...I HAD A MESSAGE TO DELIVER TO ONE OF OUR BOARDERS...CAPTAIN ROLLEM BONES!...ALL DAY LONG CAPT. BONES WOULD STAND ON THE HILL LOOKING OUT OVER THE COVE!



ALL DAY LONG, LOOKING OUT OVER THE COVE! FULL WELL DID I KNOW THAT THE LADY'S DRESSING ROOM OF YE OLDE REPERTORY THEATRE LAY OUT OVER THE COVE!



...THERE HE STOOD, HIS SPYGLASS GLUED TO HIS EYE! IT MUST'VE BEEN GLUED RATHER TIGHTLY, FOR HE NEVER REMOVED IT AS I APPROACHED WITH THE TINY FOLDED PAPER!



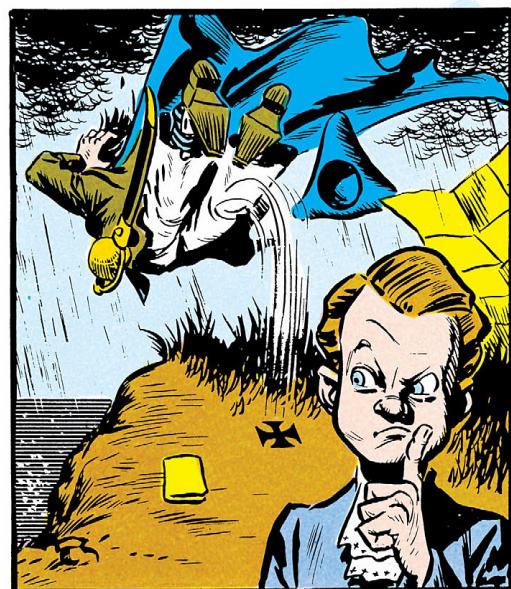
I UNFOLDED THE PAPER AND WATCHED CAPT. BONES'S WAVING SPYGLASS AS IT DARTED BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THE SHEET WHICH MUST HAVE CONTAINED A LENGTHY MESSAGE!



IMAGINE MY SURPRISE WHEN I SAW THE PAPER CONTAINED ONLY A SMALL BLACK SPOT!... **THE BLACK SPOT!!** WARNING OF IMPENDING DEATH! THE MAFIA WAS AT WORK!



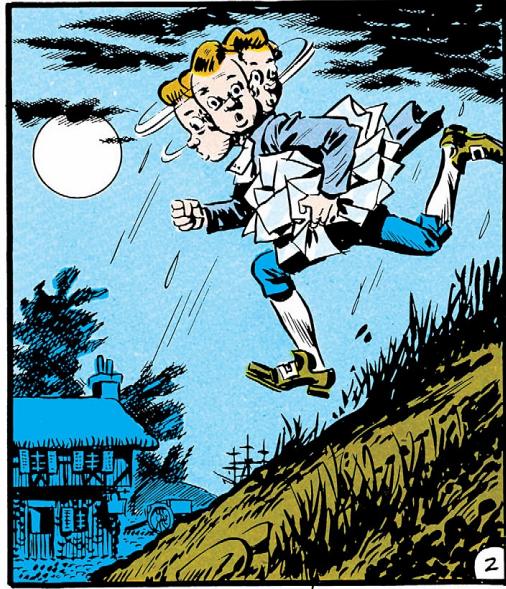
I COULD TELL CAPT. BONES WAS EXCITED BY THE WAY HE LEAPED OVER THE CLIFF LEAVING A FOLDED MAP BEHIND!



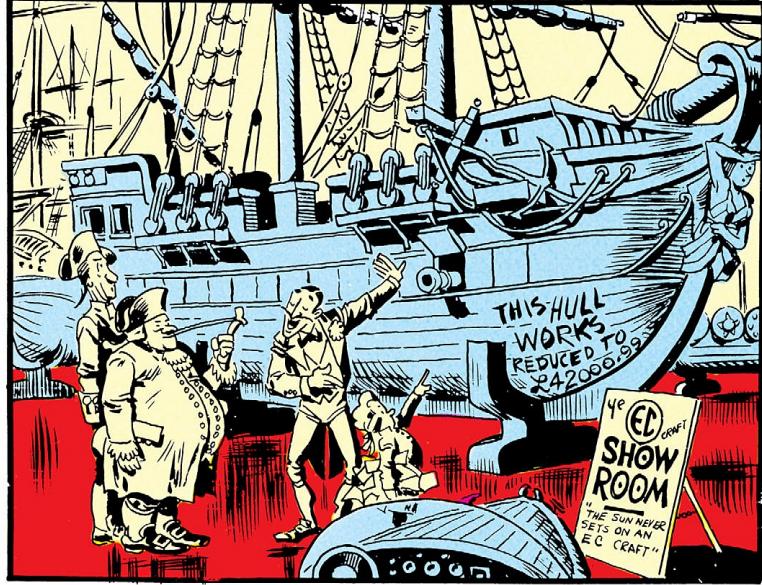
I UNFOLDED THE MAP! IT LOOKED LIKE A **TREASURE** MAP! IN ANY CASE...ONE THING, I KNEW, WAS CERTAIN!



I COULD NEVER FOLD THAT MAP PROPERLY AGAIN!... I STOLE AWAY, DETERMINED TO SEEK THE TREASURE!



THE NEXT DAY, WITH THE AID OF SQUIRE TRELAWNEY, DR. LIVESY, AND A G.I. VETERAN'S LOAN, WE PURCHASED AND OUTFITTED A SMALL TRAMP STEAMER!



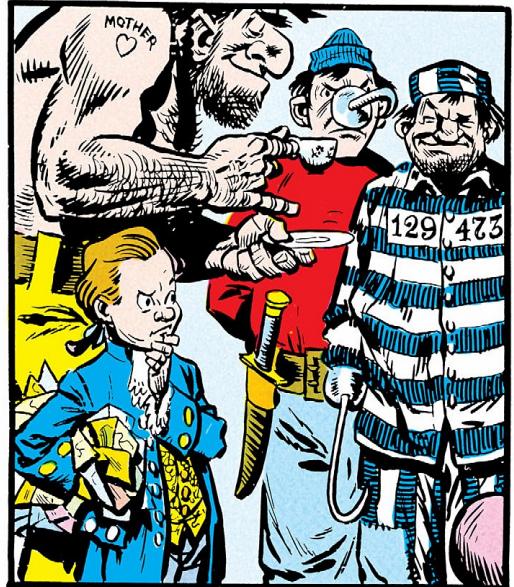
FIRST WE SET THE CREW TO WORK FEVERISHLY BATTENING THE HATCHES, STOWING THE GAFF FOR THE VOYAGE! THEN WE GAVE OUT PENNICILIN FOR THE FEVERISH CREW!



I DIDN'T LIKE THE CREW! THE PURPOSE OF OUR VOYAGE HAD BEEN SUPPOSEDLY KEPT A SECRET FROM ANY PIRATES!

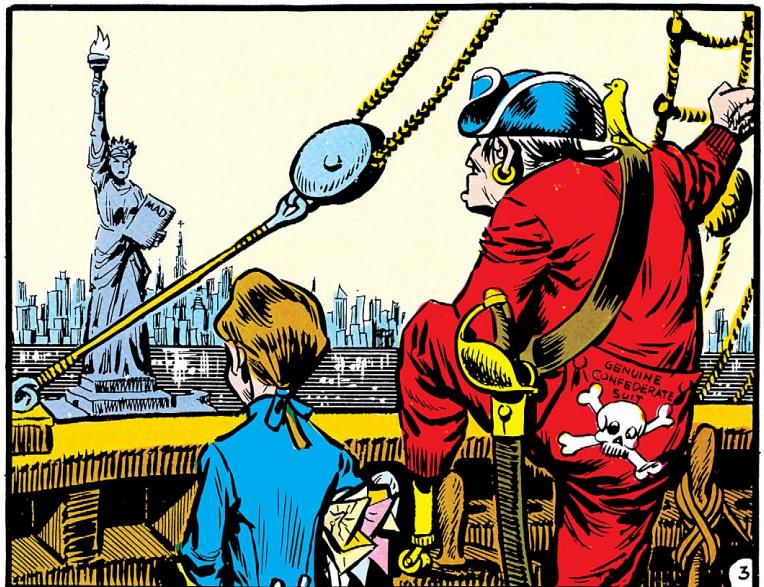
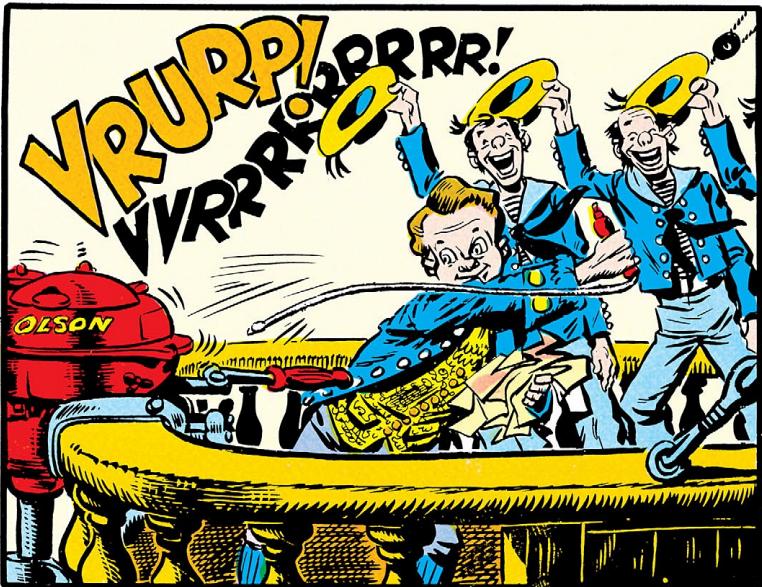
I DIDN'T LIKE THEIR LOOKS! SOMEHOW, SOMEWHERE, THERE WAS SOMETHING VERY SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THEM!

I DIDN'T LIKE THEIR CHIEF, LONG-JOHN ALUMINUM!...I COULD SEE BY HIS LONG-JOHNS, WHY HE WAS CALLED LONG-JOHN!



BUT DESPITE THE STRANGE NATURE OF THE CREW, WE DECIDED TO SET SAIL... AND SO, AT SUN UP, WE KEELHAULED ANCHOR, AND POINTED OUR BARNACLE FOR **TREASURE ISLAND!**

OUR SHIP SWEEPED OUT OF THE HARBOR, PASSING THE STATUE OF LIBERTY! AS HE LOOKED UP AT HER TORCH, I HEARD LONG-JOHN SAY IN A FERVENT WHISPER... **DIG THAT CRAZY RONSON!**



AND SO, WE HEADED FOR A TINY SPECK OF LAND IN THE VAST OCEAN! I STOOD ON THE POOP DECK... POOPED... DRINKING IN THE SALT AIR THAT SMELLED OF THE SEA ITSELF!

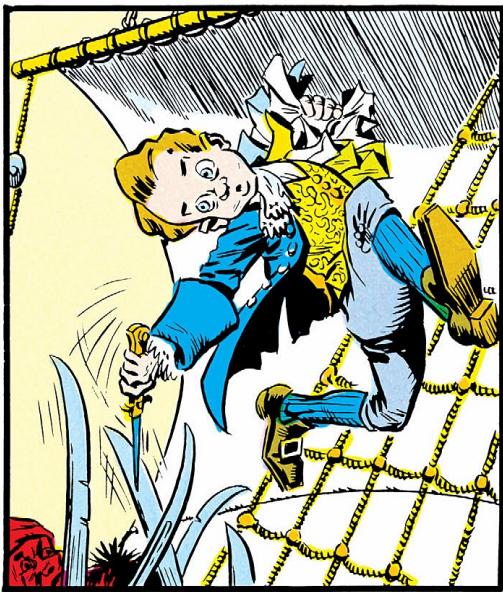
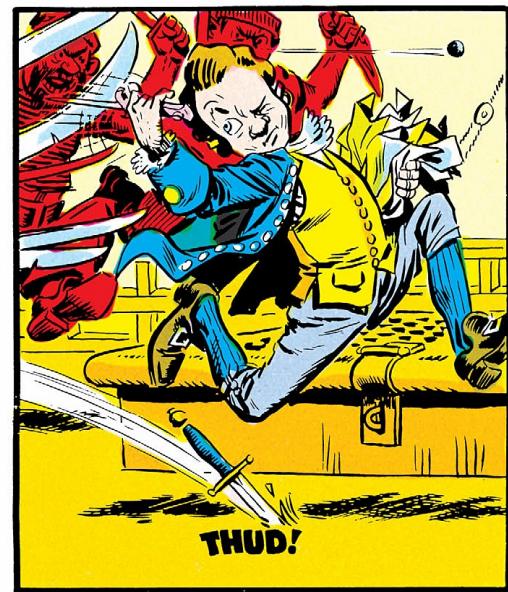
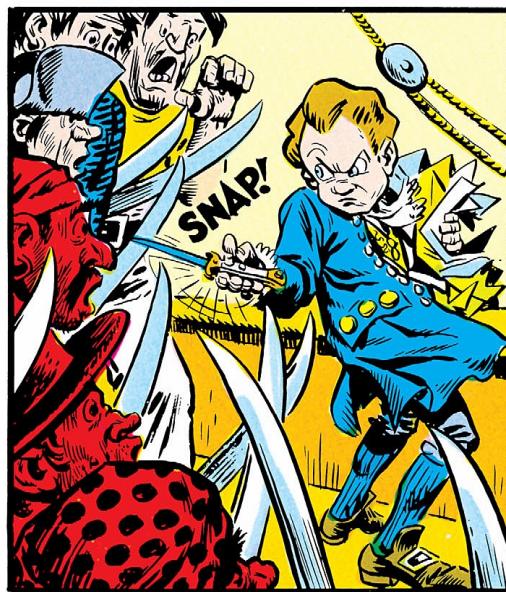


GOSH! THAT SALT AIR I WAS DRINKING IN SURE SMELLED LIKE THE SEA ITSELF!... AND I WONDERED TO MYSELF... WOULD WE FIND THIS TINY SPECK OF LAND IN THE VAST OCEAN?



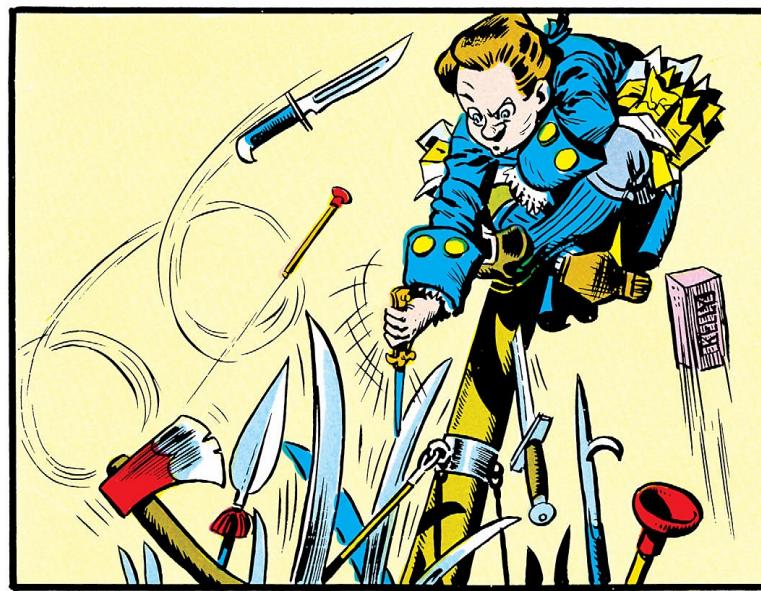
SUDDENLY... THE SOUND OF A TWIG CRACKING UNDERFOOT CAUSED ME TO WHIRL IN TIME TO SEE THE CREW...

...SNEAKING UP TO STEAL MY MAP! FOR- TUNATELY I AM A MASTER WITH THE BLADE! MY PEN-KNIFE FLASHED IN THE SUN! ...BUT THEY OUTNUMBERED ME! I BACKED AWAY ALONG THE POOP... BACK ALONG THE STARBOARD HELM... BACK ALONG THE JIB...



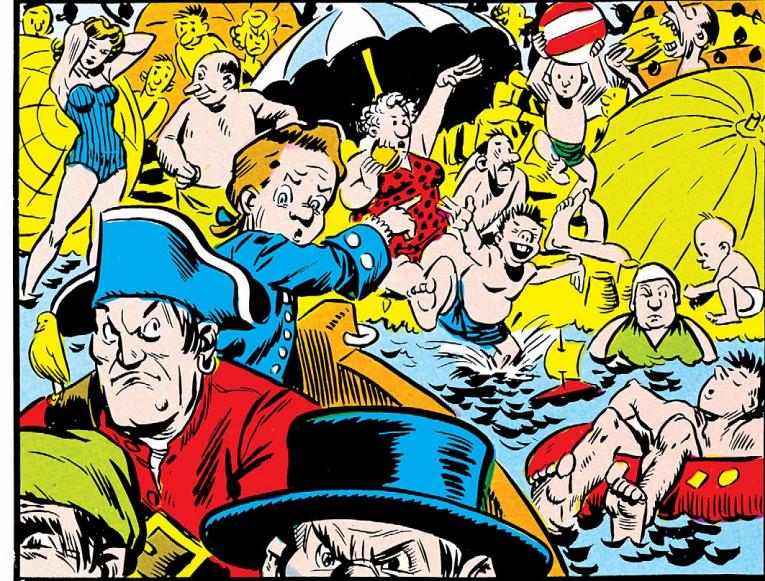
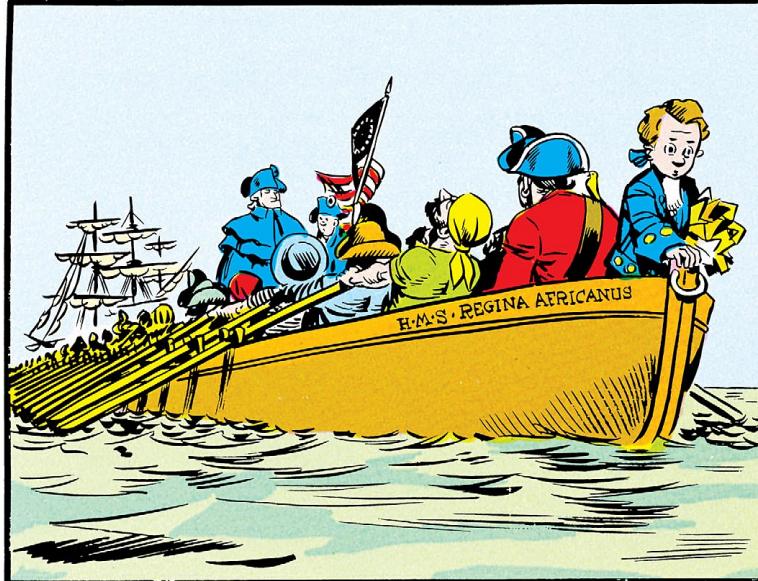
...BACK, BACK ALONG THE MIZZEN SHROUDS... BACK ALONG THE MIZZEN MAINSAIL... BACK ALONG THE MAIN MIZZEN-MAINSAIL! THEN SUDDENLY I KNEW SOMETHING WAS MIZZEN!

...THERE WAS MIZZEN ZOME MORE MIZZEN! I WAS TRAPPED! JUST AS I THOUGHT I WAS DONE FOR... THE LOOKOUT SPOTTED THAT TINY SPECK OF LAND IN THE VAST OCEAN...



...TREASURE ISLAND! IN OUR EXCITEMENT, WE FORGOT OUR ANIMOSITY! WE ALL GRABBED OARS AND PULLED FOR THE ISLAND IN THE LONG BOAT! **WOW! WAS IT LONG!**

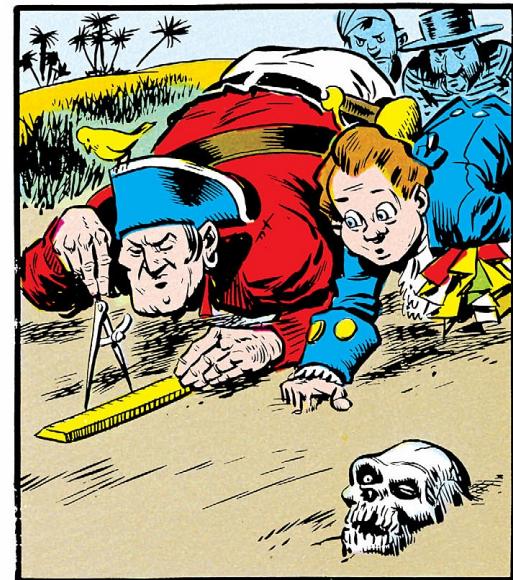
IN A TRICE, THE KEEL GROUNDED INTO THE SOFT SAND AS WE HIT THE BEACH! WE JUMPED ONTO THE BEACH AND WITHOUT DELAY STARTED INLAND!



THE DIRECTIONS ON THE MAP WERE EXPLICIT! 'NOR'-NO'REAST TO SPYGLASS HILL...SOU'-SOU' WEST 1 MILE! THEN EA'...

...AFTER TRAVELLING 3 MI, EA'... TURN RIGHT AT THE FILLING STATION... GO DOWN THREE RED-LIGHTS AND TURN UPTOWN...

...THEN, 50 PACES RIGHT, 6 FEET LEFT, 9 INCHES BACK, $\frac{1}{3}$ OF AN INCH TO THE RIGHT, AND 16 MILLIMETERS LEFT!



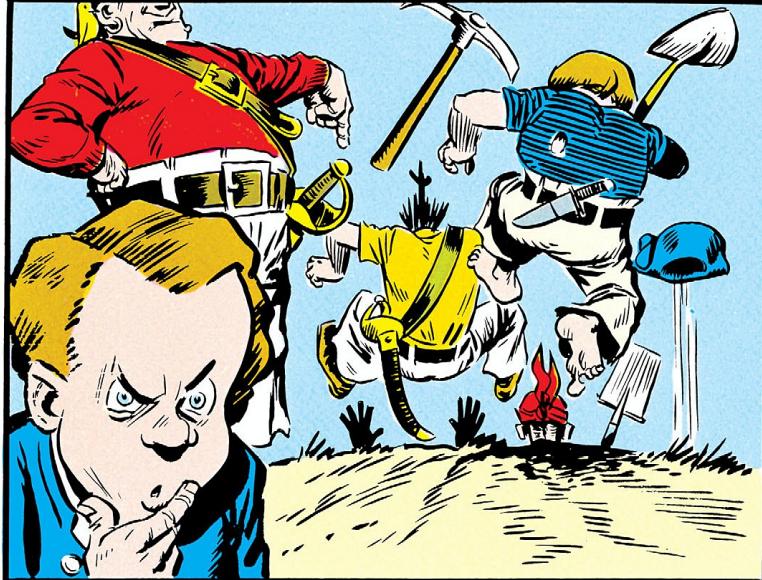
...FINALLY, AFTER MUCH PAINFUL AND CAREFUL CONSULTATION WITH SLIDE RULE, LOGARITHM TABLE AND HOROSCOPE, LONG-JOHN POINTED HIS FINGER DOWN AND BID US DIG!

...POINTED HIS FINGER DOWN UNERRINGLY AT THE VERY CENTER PIN-POINT SPOT WHERE THE TREASURE WAS PRESUMABLY BURIED! NOW ALL THAT WAS LEFT WAS TO DIG IT UP!

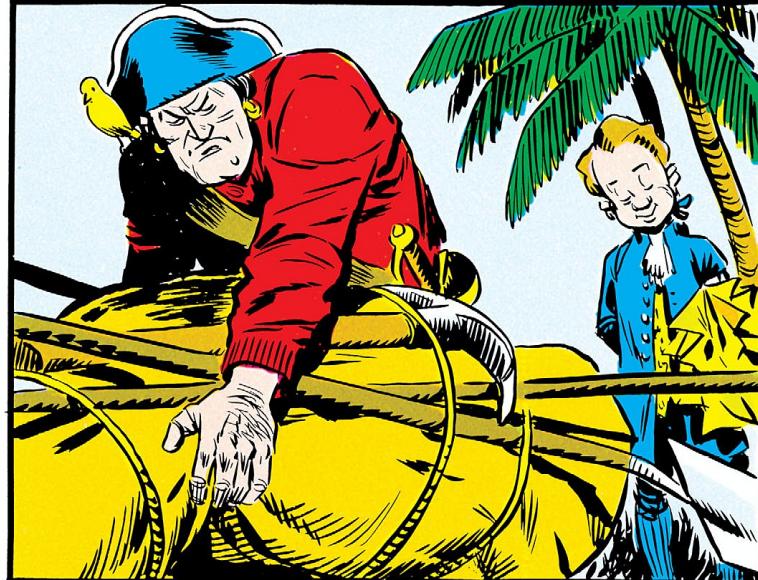


WITH A SINGLE CRY OF JUBILATION, THE WHOLE CREW RUSHED FORWARD, AND BEFORE THEY COULD CHECK THEMSELVES, FELL TO THEIR DEATHS ON THE ROCKS BELOW! LONG-JOHNS HAD FOOLED THEM!

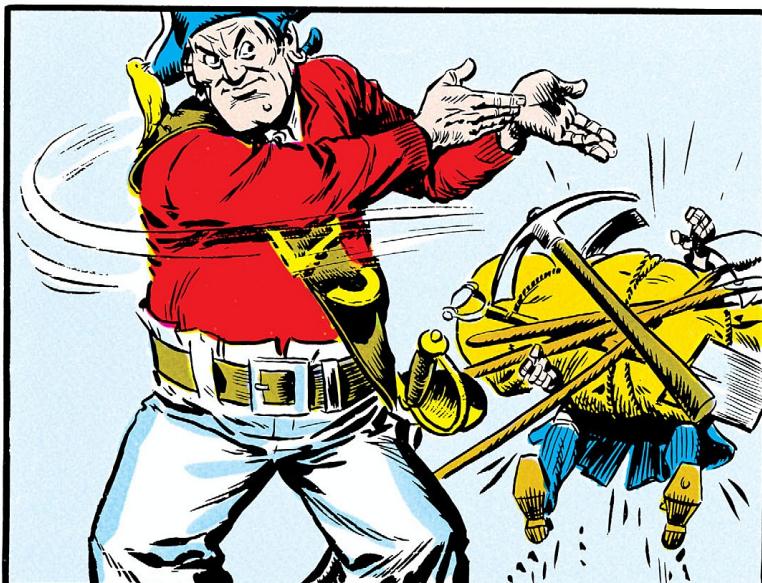
...I SUDDENLY REALIZED HE HAD WANTED THE TREASURE FOR HIMSELF! AS HE PICKED UP OUR HEAVY EQUIPMENT IN HIS SINEWY ARMS, I THOUGHT, 'AHA...HE LET ME LIVE! HE LIKES ME!'



MY HEART LEAPED WITH JOY KNOWING THIS MURDEROUS MAN FAVERED ME!... A MOMENT LATER I QUESTIONED MY CONCLUSION AS I HELD OUR HEAVY EQUIPMENT IN MY SCRAPPY ARMS!



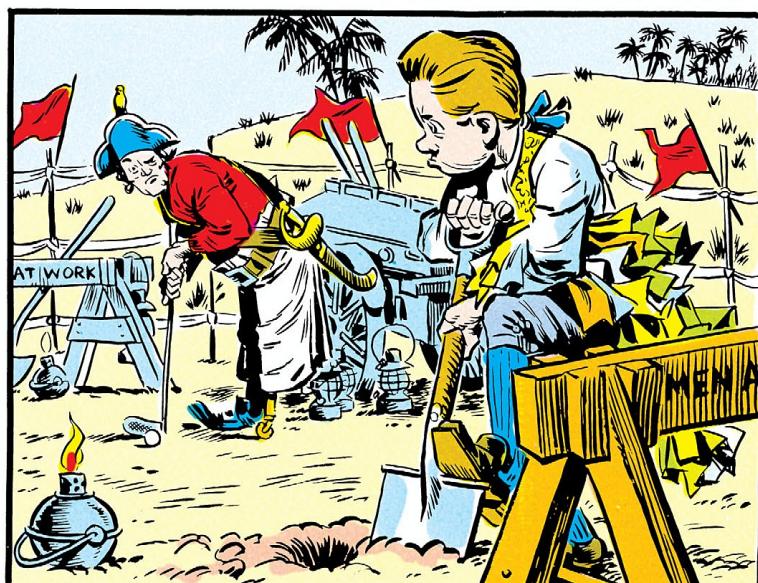
...NOW, LONG-JOHNS ALUMINUM DIRECTLY LOCATED THE PLACE WHERE THE TREASURE WAS BURIED, AND WE SET UP OUR EQUIPMENT AND PREPARED TO DIG THAT CRAZY GROUND!



I PICKED UP MY SPADE, BUT LONG-JOHNS WANTED ME TO DIG... NOT PLAY CARDS! THEN, MY SHOVEL KNOCKED ON SOMETHING!

...A... A HOLLOW KNOCKING SOUND... THE SOUND OF A SHOVEL KNOCKING ON A... A CHEST! THEN... SOMEONE KNOCKED BACK!

IT WAS A CHEST! MELVIN MOLE'S CHEST... OUT OF 'MAD' #2! WHAT A RIDICULOUS STORY THIS WAS TURNING INTO!

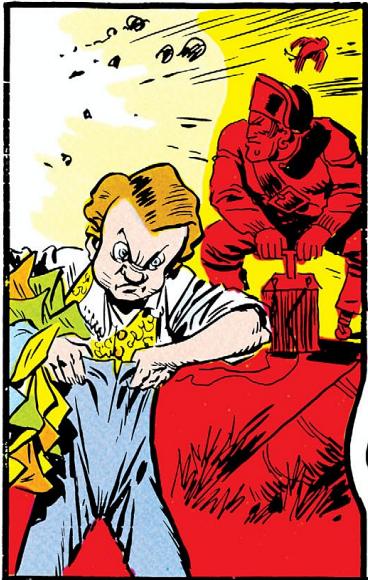
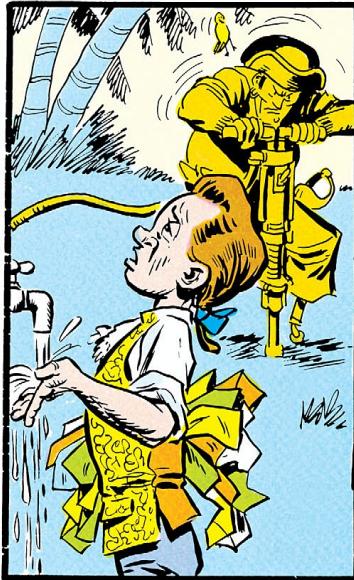
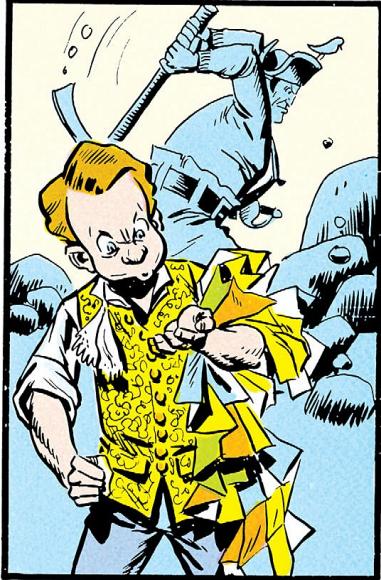


NOW WE GOT TO WORK IN
EARNEST! I ROLLED UP MY
SLEEVES...SPIT ON MY PALMS...

...**SPIT ON MY PALMS?**
OOOOGH... HOW DISGUSTING! I
RAN TO WASH OFF MY PALMS!

...THEN I TOOK A HITCH ON MY
BELT... FLEXED MY MUSCLES...
SQUARED MY SHOULDERS...

...DID I DIG, YOU SAY?... DON'T
BE FANTASTIC! WHO WANTS TO
DIG?... **THEN WE FOUND IT!**



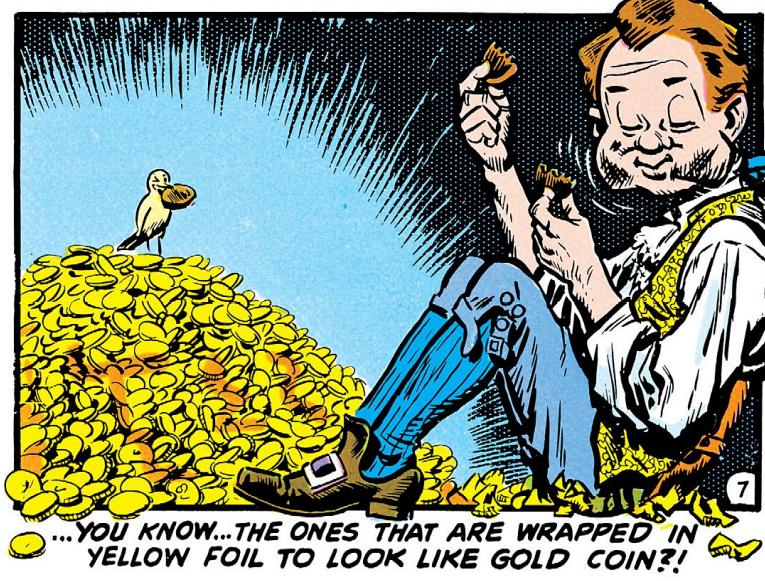
THE TREASURE CHEST!... WE TORE OPEN THE COVER... TORE
THROUGH THE WAX PAPER AND FOUND DOUBLOONS... TRIPLOONS...
FOURPOOONS... AND A COUPON TO SEND AWAY FOR SILVERWARE!

...I WATCHED LONG-JOHN BITE INTO A GOLD PIECE TO TEST IT! I
WATCHED HIS LOWER JAW FLAP OPEN! I WATCHED HIS EYE BALLS
FLAP OUT! I WATCHED HIS TONGUE FLAP DOWN!



I DON'T KNOW WHICH CAUSED THE FOLLOWING CONVULSIONS...
THE HORRIBLE DISCOVERY HE HAD MADE ABOUT THE COINS, OR
THE HOT FOOT I GAVE HIM ON HIS WOODEN LEG!

...IN ANY CASE, HE WAS GONE... AND THE TREASURE WAS MINE!
ALL MINE! A WHOLE CHEST OF THOSE MARVELOUS ROUND
LITTLE MILK CHOCOLATE CANDIES...



...YOU KNOW... THE ONES THAT ARE WRAPPED IN
YELLOW FOIL TO LOOK LIKE GOLD COIN?!

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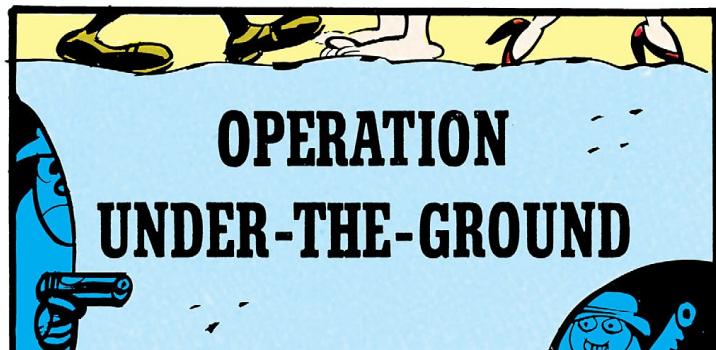
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Cloak-and-Dagger-Dept.: We of MAD are happy to announce that, with this issue, we are beginning an exciting serial...THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET UNDER-MANHOLE-COVER AGENT FIVE FINGERS JONES. Just think...

If you buy MAD regularly, you will have the whole collection of serials in about ten years. You could bind 'em...trade 'em...or sell 'em...hide 'em...you might do all kinds of fascinating things with 'em! But now...on with Chapter One, entitled...



Secret Under-Manhole-Cover Agent Five (count 'em) Fingers Jones' home gives us a hint that he is a cautious man. Every door is double-bolted, barred, padlocked, and made of massive steel. The few windows are mere slits in the two yard thick walls. There is a very elaborate mechanism over the only door in the room. Through a system of levers, wires, push-buttons, etc., as the door opens, an axe beheads the interloper, a cannon ventilates him, and a trap-door disposes of the remains.

In various places around the room are: a drinking glass with an eye in it marked SPY GLASS, a ring labeled SPY RING, a picture of a bloodhound affectionately labeled DAD, and a bottle on a table with a shriveled up old man in it labeled OLD GRANDDAD.

But where is our dauntless hero, Five Fingers Jones? In the center of the floor sits a tiny steel chest out of which stretches an arm holding the remains of what was labeled SOFT DRINK. The bottle was so soft that it seeped through the fingers. A straw from

the bottle goes back into the trunk through a little hole, and slurping sounds are heard from the trunk.

A telephone rings and the trunk creaks slowly open. Out of it crawls Jones, all six feet five inches of him. One wonders how even his foot fit into the trunk. He is very nervous... and as soon as he is out of the trunk, he dons a suit of armor. Then, sweeping a mine-detector in front of him as he advances, he heads for the phone. He picks it up with tweezers and immediately immerses it in a pail of water and listens to see if it ticks. Then, when he is satisfied, he whispers hoarsely into the phone.

"Hello?"

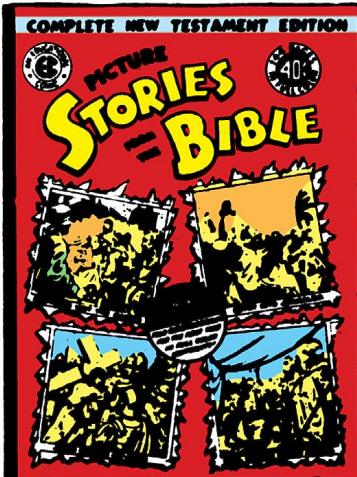
At the end of the line is Jones' chief in Washington. In his office is a sign reading ABSOLUTELY POSITIVELY NO SMOKING. The room is full of smoke, and there are butts everywhere.

A box of cough drops marked HAND COUGHS lies on the chief's desk. Letters marked EMERGENCY, FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION, and RUSH are collecting cobwebs. The chief says:

"Listen, Jones, while I tell you the details of the most terrifying news to enter this country from behind the Iron Curtain. Highest authority in the Hexagon has it that the Russians have developed a process for the manufacture of artificial DIRT!"

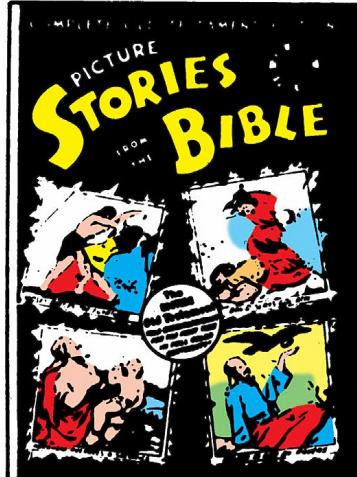
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And with this dirt starts the most sensational adventure in Five Fingers Jones' career. What will happen to Five Fingers Jones? What will happen to this serial? If you like serial, especially the lumpy kind, buy the next issue of MAD for Chapter Two of this exciting thriller! —ed.



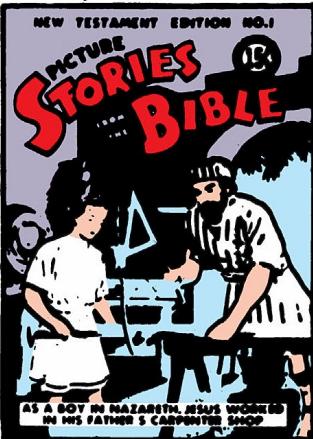
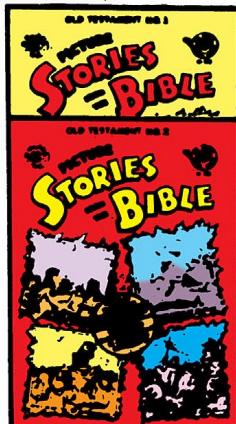
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1) Our club would have to be a different kind of fan club... a continuously active club that would provide long-range interest, enjoyment and benefits for its members! And...

2) Our club would have to be a non-profit fan club! Incredible as it may seem, the only income we at E.C. derive... or care to derive!... from our efforts comes from the newsstand sales of our 10c mags. We actually lose a little on subscriptions, and make very little on the annuals... both are primarily offered as services to promote good will! If you readers want a fan club, we're more than happy to oblige... but, again, as a service, not for profit!

So here's what we've come up with...

1) **THE NAME:** As one reader wrote a while back, "E.C. magazines are habit-forming." So what could be more logical than to call the organization, "THE E.C. FAN-ADDICT CLUB"?

2) **THE SET-UP:** The E.C. Fan-Addict Club will consist of the national "parent" organization, and local chapters. Everyone who joins will be a member of the national organization. In addition, any group of five or more prospective members may join as an authorized chapter of the national organization. Each such chapter will be assigned a charter number. The name and address of the elected president of each authorized chapter will be made available to all members, so that those who are not already a member of a chapter will be able to join the one nearest them if they wish to.

3) **WHAT YOU GET:** Each member will receive a full-color 7 1/2 by 10 1/2 membership certificate, suitable for framing; a wallet-size membership identification card; a striking membership patch for sweaters, jackets, etc.; and a very distinguished-looking membership pin!

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5) **POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:** We are considering publishing an E.C. FAN-ADDICT CLUB BULLETIN, containing such features as national and local chapter news; advance inside information on new titles, future stories, and special issues, etc.; articles and stories submitted by members; and a "back-issue trading post!" Only club members would be eligible to subscribe, with the price and frequency of publication yet to be decided upon.

We are also considering some sort of "E.C. Surprise-of-the-Month" plan for members. What the surprises might be, and what we might have to clip you for THIS one, is also as yet undetermined.

6) **IF YOU'RE STILL INTERESTED:** For an individual membership, send 25c, along with your clearly printed name and address, to:

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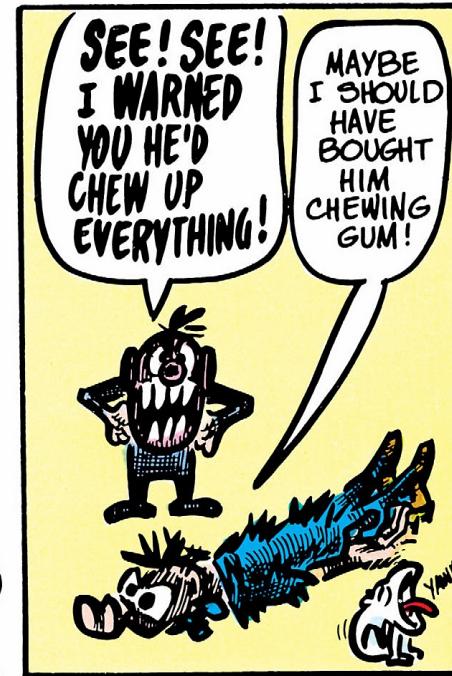
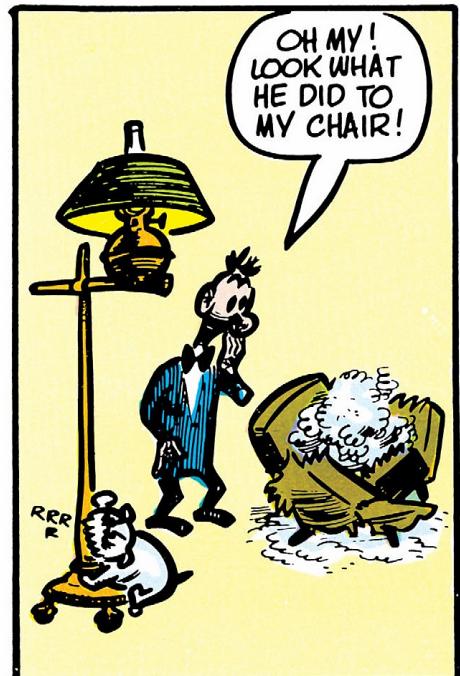
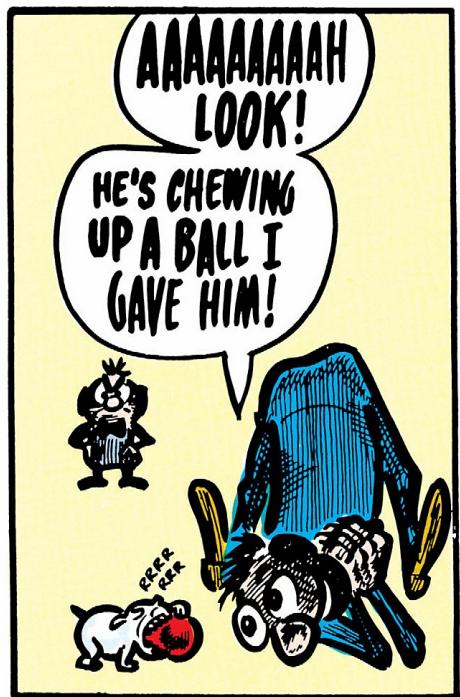
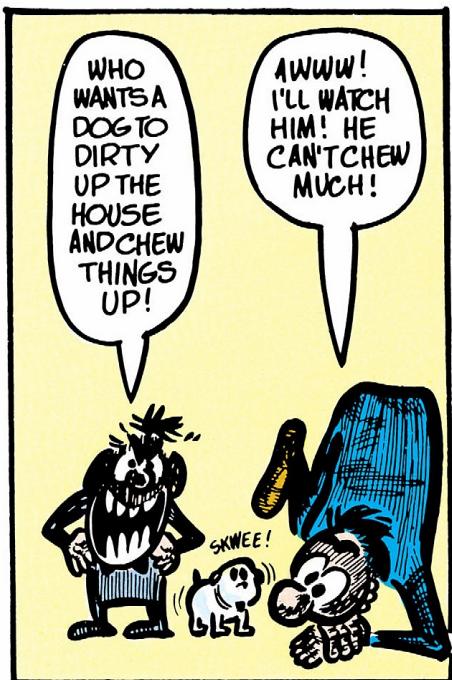
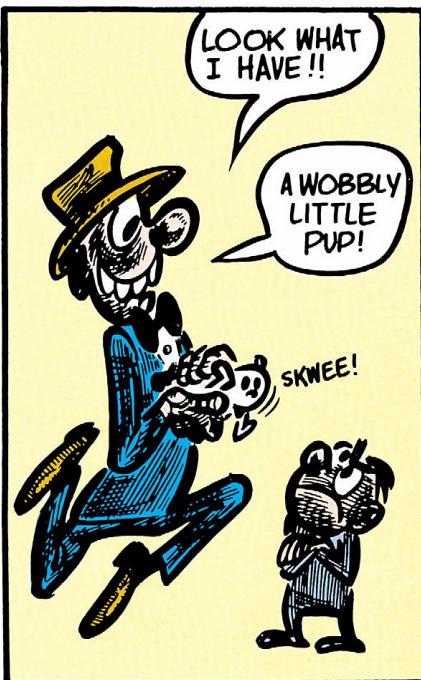
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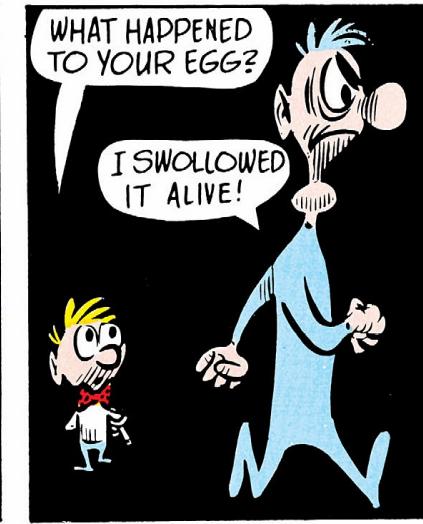
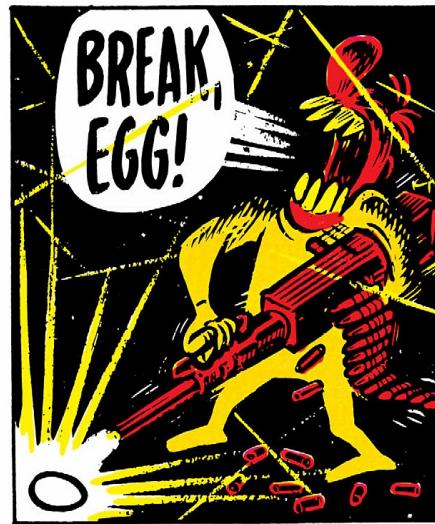
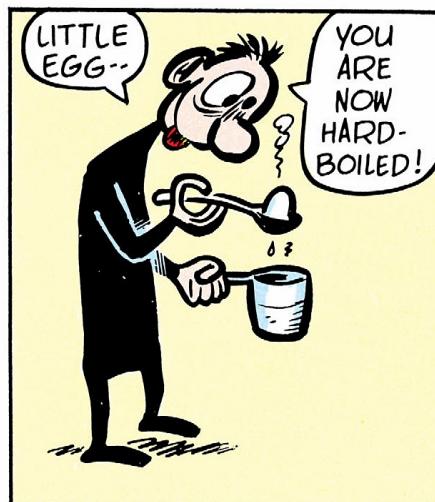
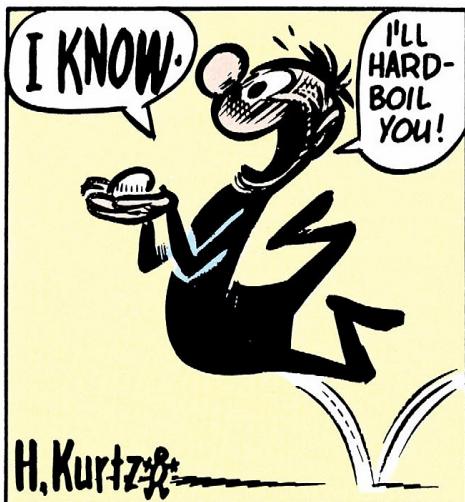
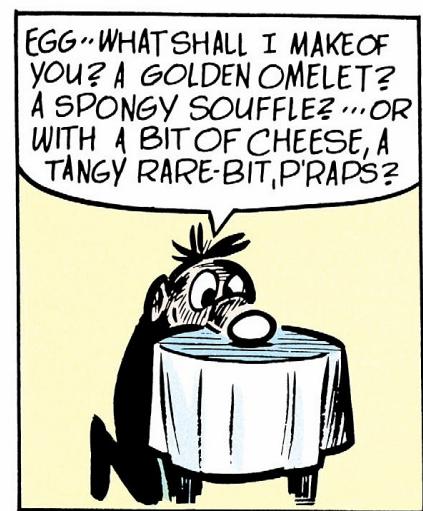
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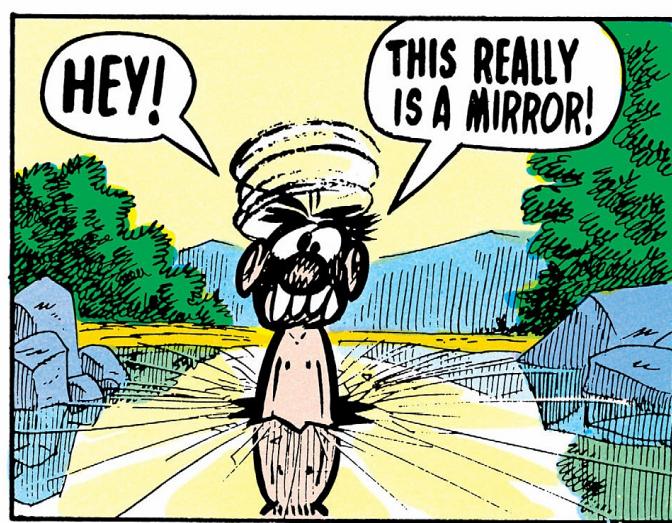
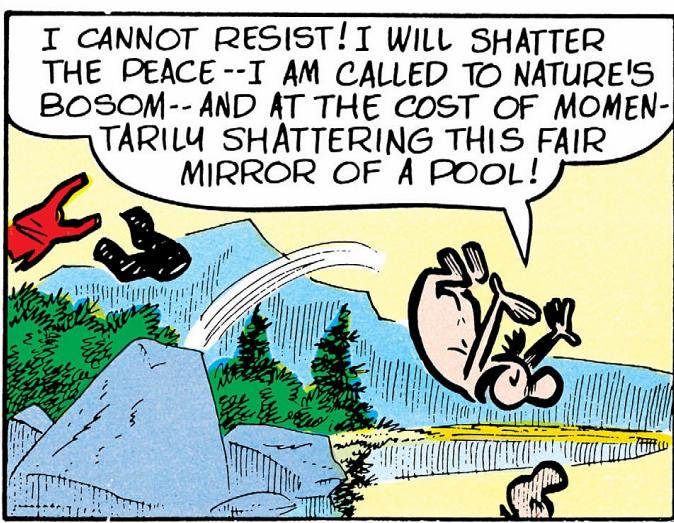
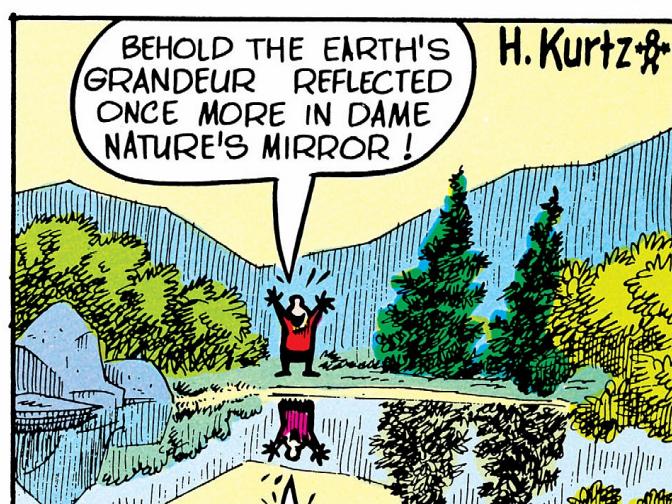
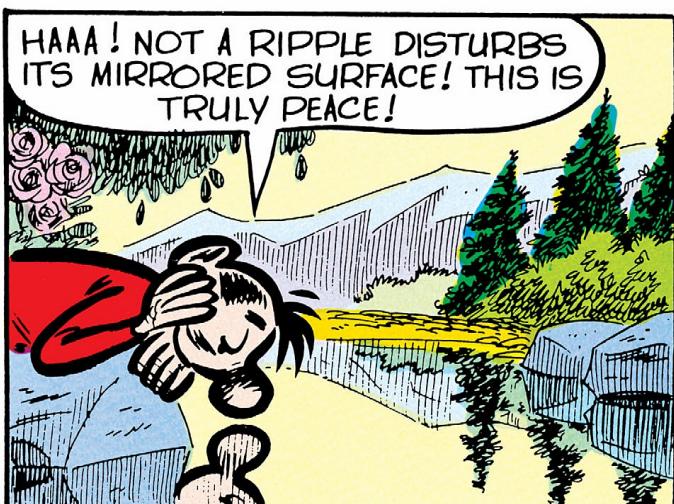
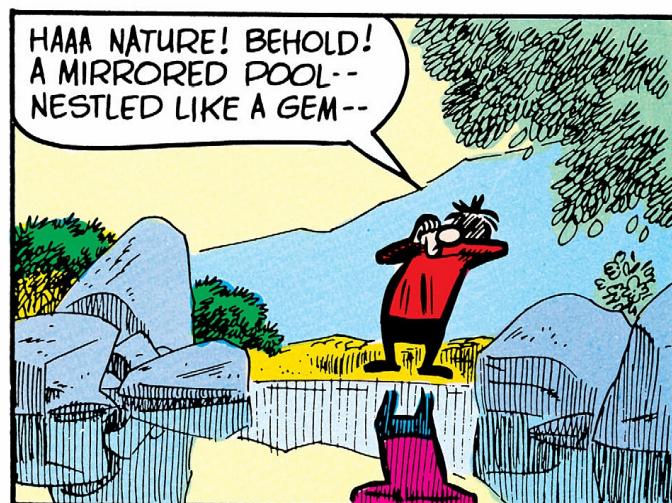
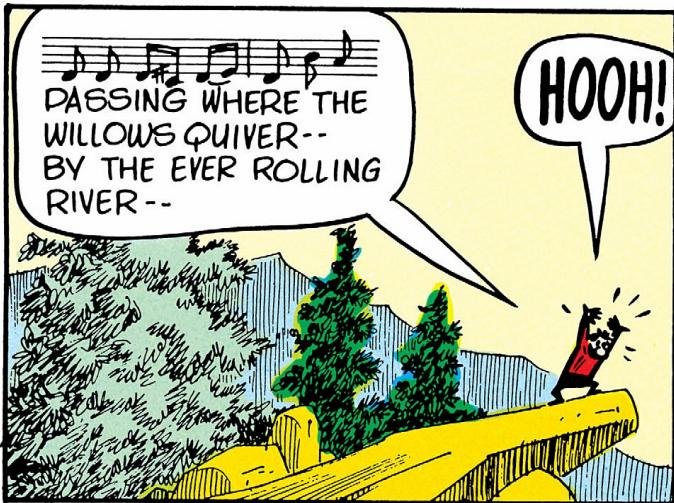
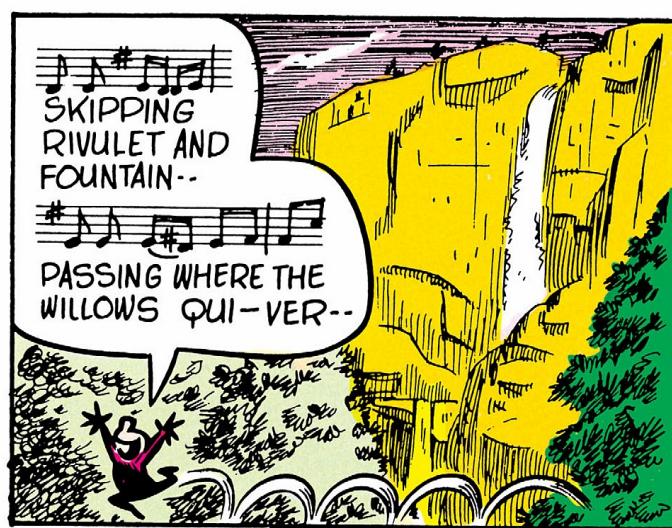
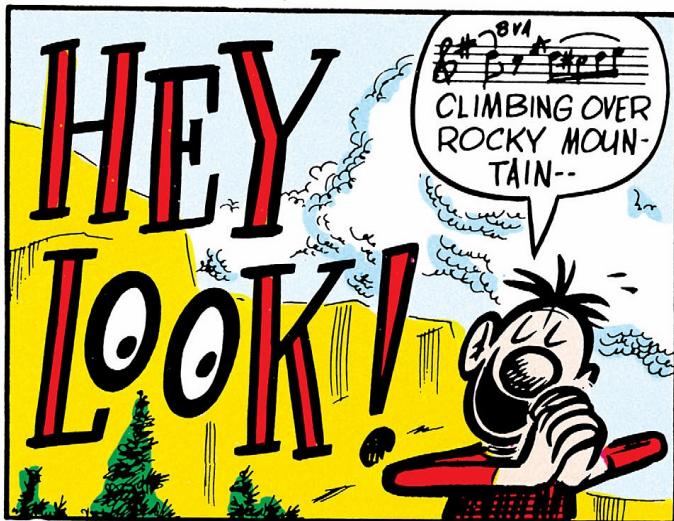
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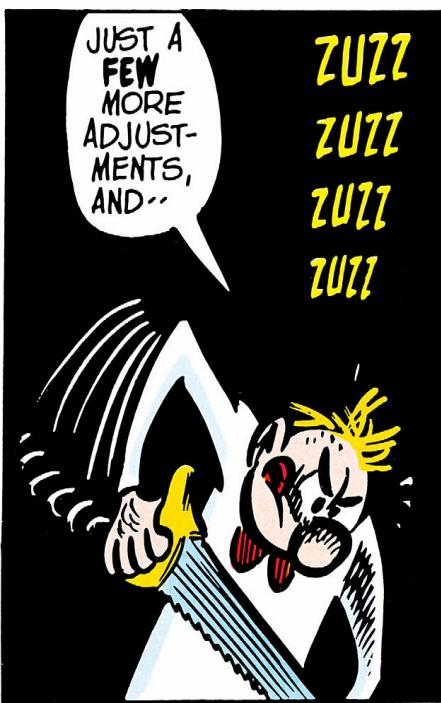
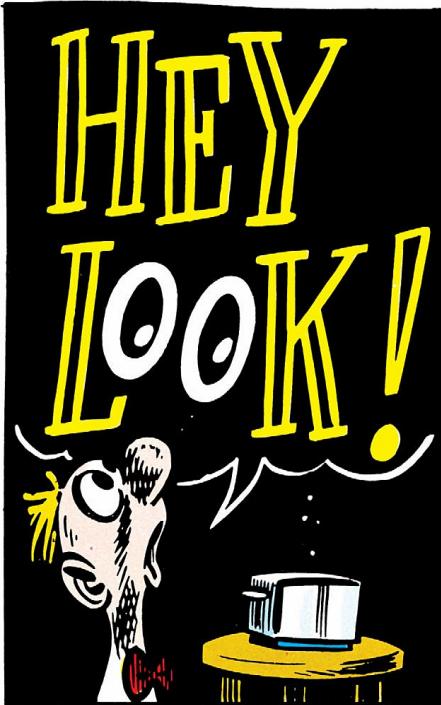


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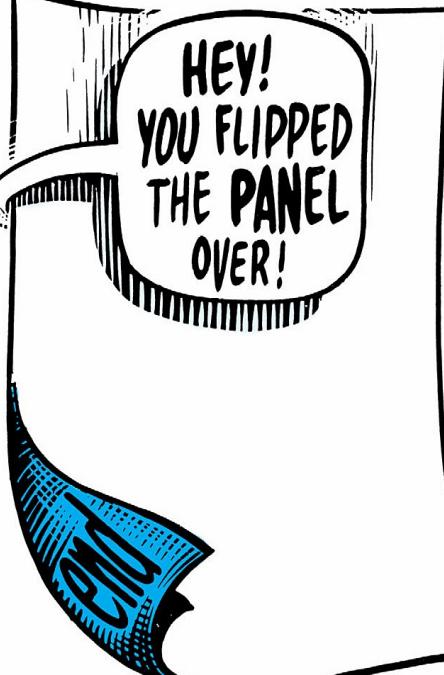
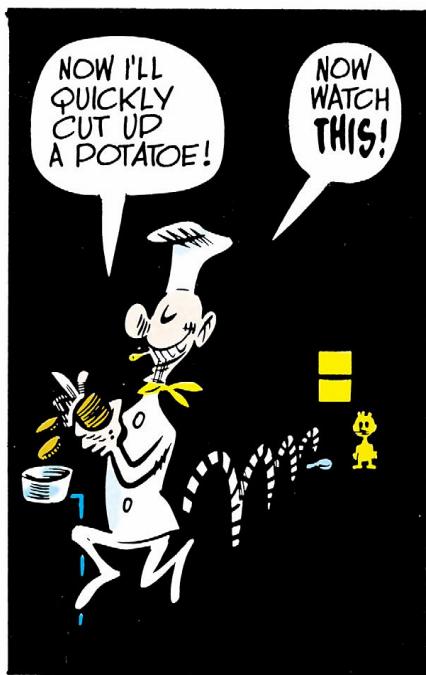
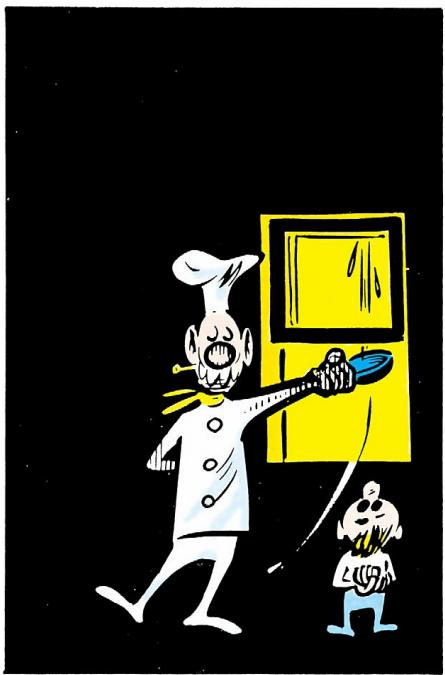
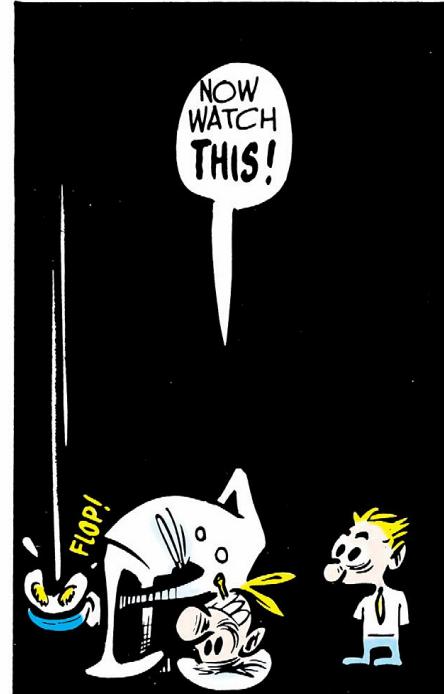
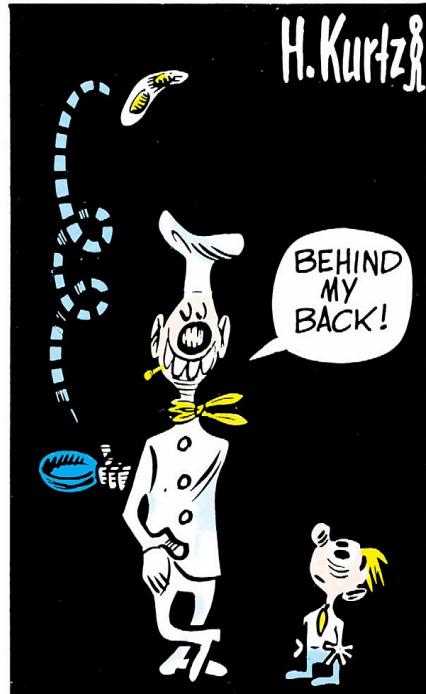
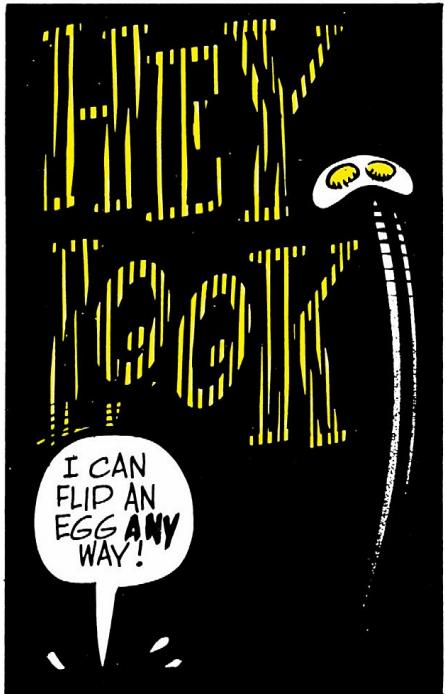


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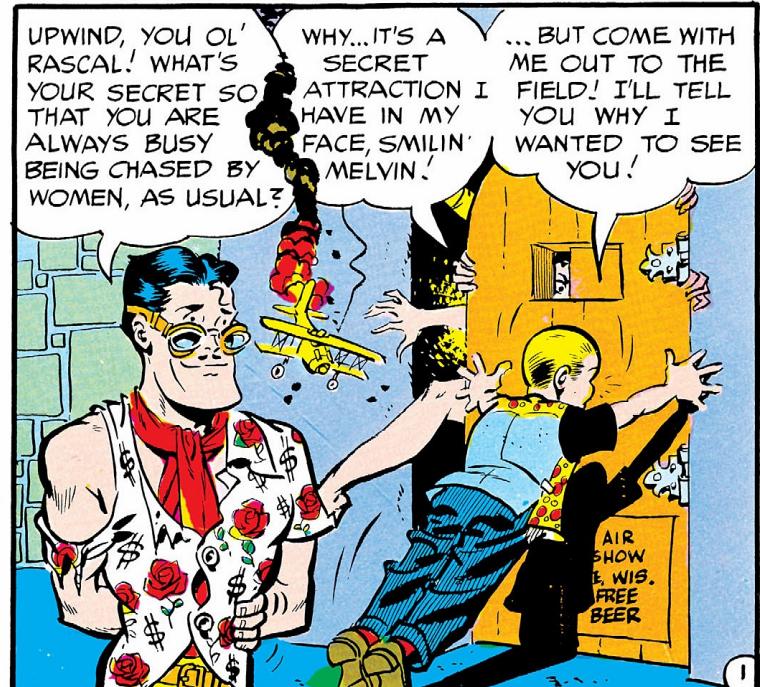
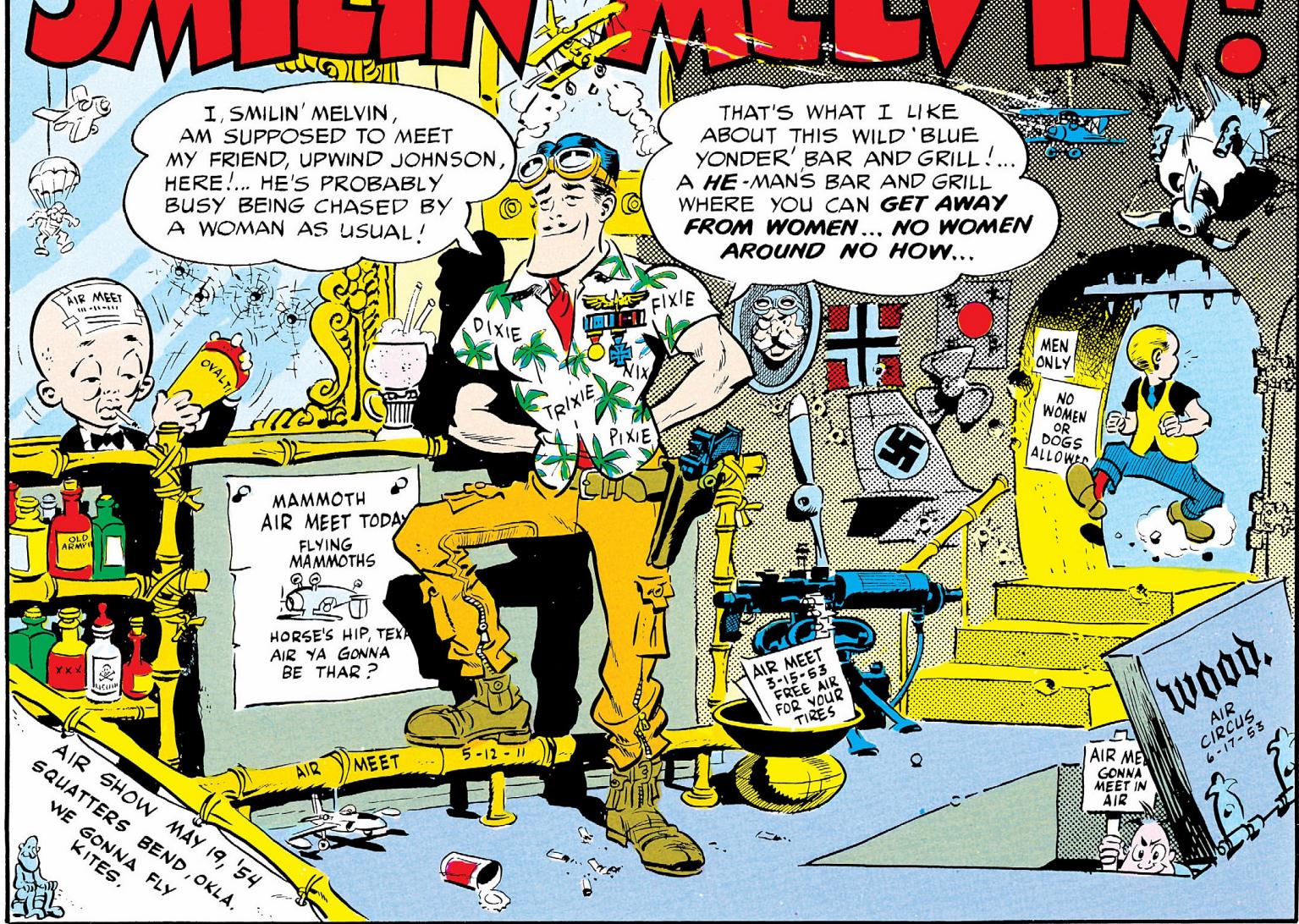






AIRPLANE DEPT.: THIS IS A STORY OF THE MEN WHO GO ALONE INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER... THE UNSUNG HEROES WHO GO FEARLESSLY, NOT FOR RICHES, NOT FOR GLORY... INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER... SOME NEVER TO RETURN! AH YES... THE WILD 'BLUE YONDER' BAR AND GRILL, WHERE WE FIND THE HERO OF OUR STORY...

SMILIN' MELVIN!

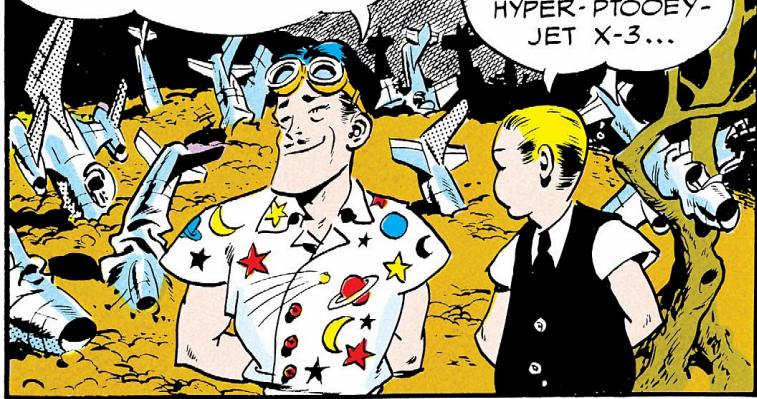


SMILIN' MELVIN!
YOU'VE NO DOUBT
HEARD OF THE NEW
SECRET SUPER-
TURBO-HYPER-PTOOEY-
JET **X-13**?... I...I
WANT TO KNOW IF
YOU'RE GAME TO TAKE
THE SECRET SUPER-
TURBO-HYPER-PTOOEY-
JET **X-13** ON ITS
TEST FLIGHT!



WILL I TEST FLY THE SECRET SUPER-TURBO-HYPER-PTOOEY-JET **X-13**?... UPWIND... MY **BUSINESS** IS TESTING PLANES!... DID... DID YOU THINK FOR A MOMENT I WOULD REFUSE TO TEST FLY THE SECRET-SUPER-TURBO-HYPER-PTOOEY-JET **X-13**? DID YOU THINK I WAS **AFRAID**? BY THE WAY WHERE DID THOSE WRECKS COME FROM?

... WHY THAT'S THE SECRET-SUPER-TURBO-HYPER-PTOOEY-JET-**X-1**... THE SECRET-SUPER-TURBO-HYPER-PTOOEY JET-**X-2**... THE SECRET-SUPER-TURBO-HYPER-PTOOEY-JET **X-3**...



...THE X-4... THE X-5... X-6... X-7... X-8... X-9, 10, 11, AND THE SECRET-SUPER-TURBO-HYPER-PTOOEY JET **X-12**!... TSK TSK!... LOST **TWELVE GOOD TEST PILOTS**!... NOW, DID YOU SAY YOU **WOULD** FLY THE SECRET-SUPER-TURBO-HYPER PTOOEY-JET **X-13**?



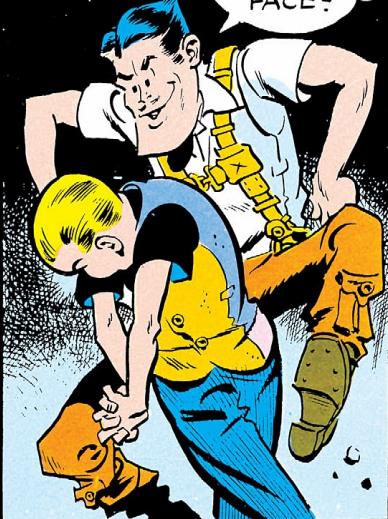
NOW LISTEN, MELVIN!
TAKE MY WORD FOR IT, AS YOUR FRIEND,
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! THERE'S
NOTHING WRONG WITH THE X-13! THE X-13 IS
A **GOOD SHIP**!

...BUT WHO EVER HEARD
OF FLYING A SHIP?

...YUK YUK YUK!... ALL
KIDDING ASIDE... I HAVE
FULL CONFIDENCE IN YOUR
WORD, UPWIND... AND I
AM SURE EVERYTHING
WILL WORK OUT ALL
RIGHT LIKE YOU SAY, BUT
BEFORE I DIE... THERE IS
**ONE THING I MUST
KNOW... ONE THING
YOU'VE GOT TO
TELL ME, BOY...**



...AND THAT
ONE THING
IS...
...WHAT IS
THAT SECRET
ATTRACTION
YOU HAVE
IN YOUR
FACE?



AWW C'MON,
UPWIND...



...LEMME
SEE
YOUR
FACE!



...LEMME
JUST TAKE
ONE LITTLE
PEEK!
...C'MON!



BIG AIR MEET
TODAY - TOAD'S NECK, ALA
WE GONNA FLY GLIDERS
MADE OF NEWSPAPERS.

YOU
MUSTN'T
LOOK! I
CANNOT
GIVE
AWAY
MY
SECRET!
OKAY FOR YOU, BOY! I'LL TEST YOUR X-13!... BUT IT WON'T BE FOR YOU, I'M TESTING IT! IT'LL BE FOR THE GLORY OF BLAZING A TRAIL THROUGH THE UNCHARTED WILDERNESS OF THE EXPERIMENTAL UNKNOWN! IT'LL BE FOR POSTERITY!... BESIDES, IT PAYS PRETTY GOOD!

DON'T BOTHER! HELLO,
SEEING ME THATSTUFF,
OFF! I'LL GO MY FAVO-
RITE MECHANIC!

THIS MUST BE THE SECRET SUPER-TURBO-HYPER-PTOOEY-JET-X13... NOW, THATSTUFF, I WANT YOU TO HELP ME WITH THE DELICATE AND COMPLEX OPERATION THAT IT TAKES TO START A JET FLIGHT, THAT I CAN TRUST ONLY YOU WITH!... IN OTHER WORDS, GIMME A BOOST!

AIR SHOW
DEC. 17, 1903
KITTY HAWK
"IT'LL NEVER LEAVE THE GROUND"



ALL RIGHT! I'M ALL SET TO GO!
RADIO PLUGGED IN! SAFETY
BELT! OXYGEN! HYDROGEN! LITMUS
PAPER!... **SWITCH ON!**
CONTACT! CONTACT!

HERE I GO!... NOW TO CHECK THE DIALS... ALTIMETER... TACOMETER... THERMOMETER... BAROMETER... PERIMETER... CENTIMETER... PARKINGMETER!... **CHECK!**

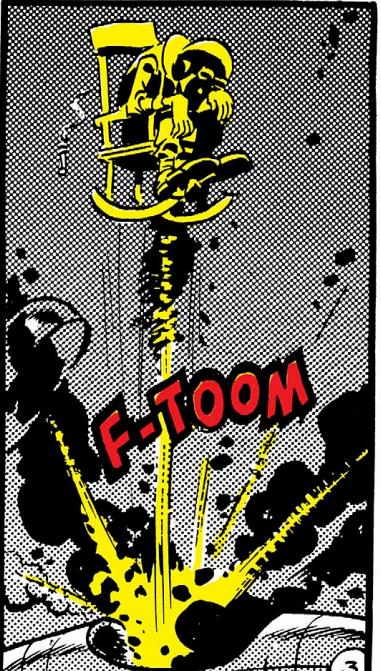
... NOW TO TUNE MY RADIO IN ON THE SPECIAL FREQUENCY... ADJUST THE WAVE MODULATION... AND I SHOULD GET THE SIGNAL LOUD AND CLEAR... **AAAH...** NOW **I HEAR IT!... ARTHUR GODFREY'S TALENT SCOUTS!**

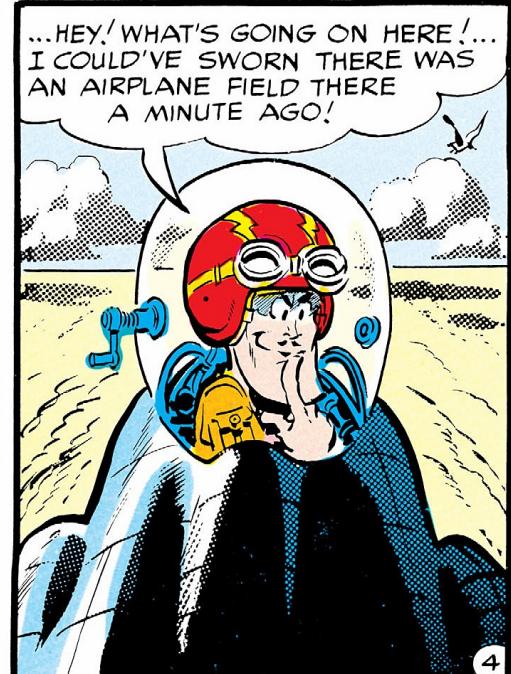
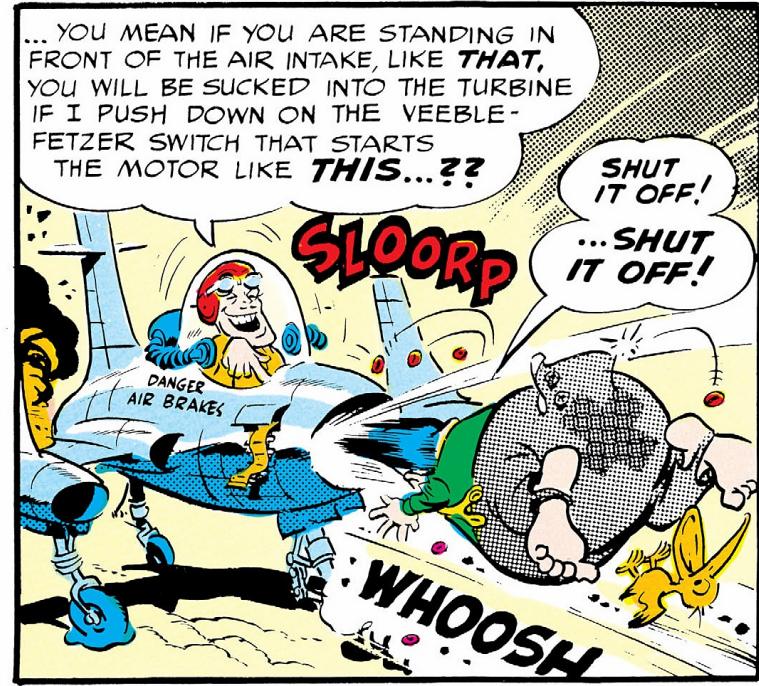
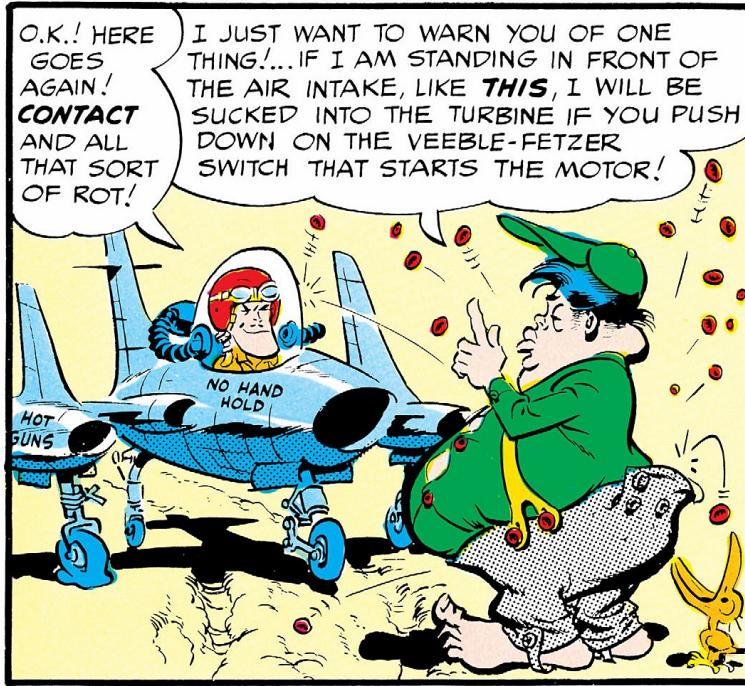
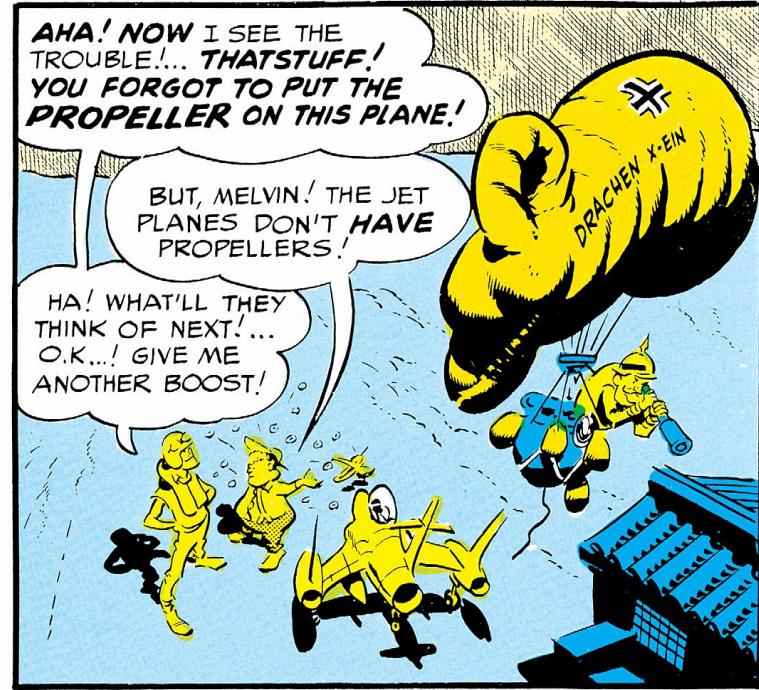
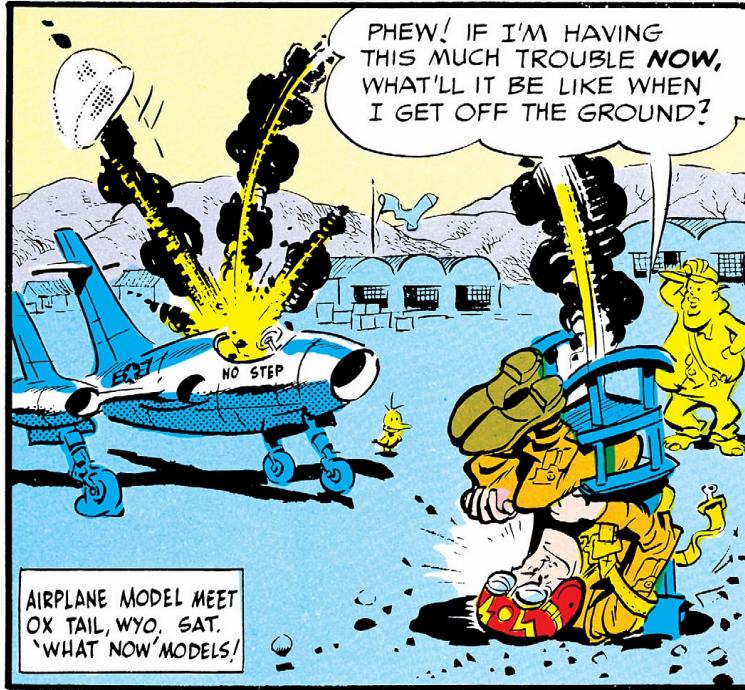


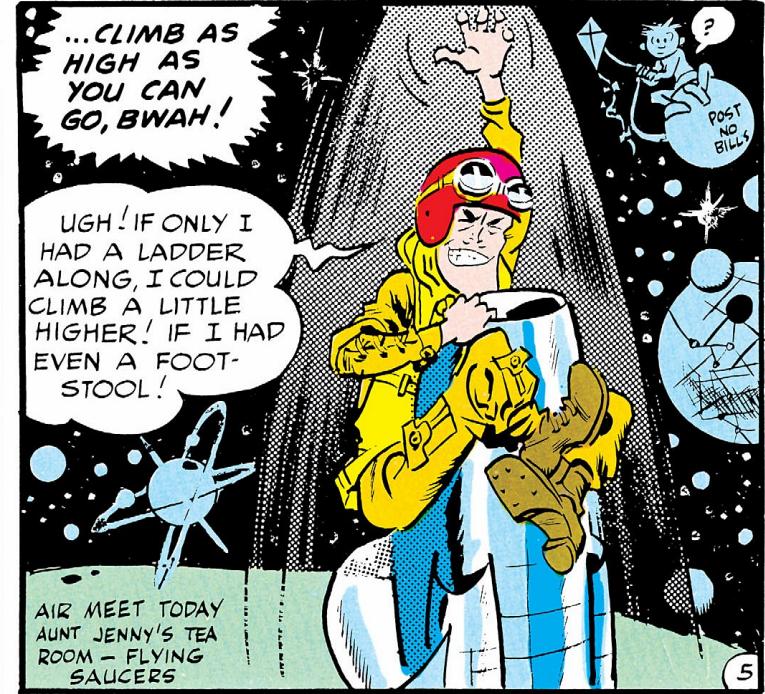
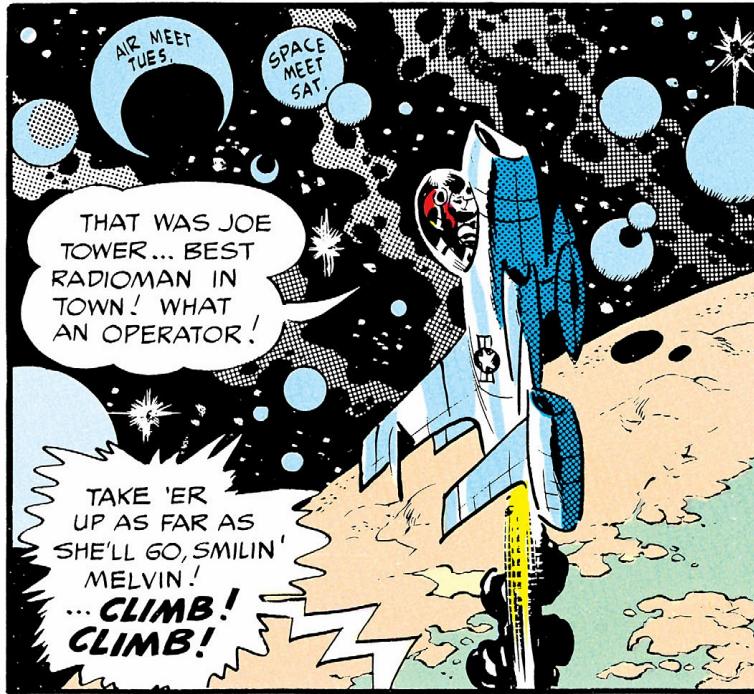
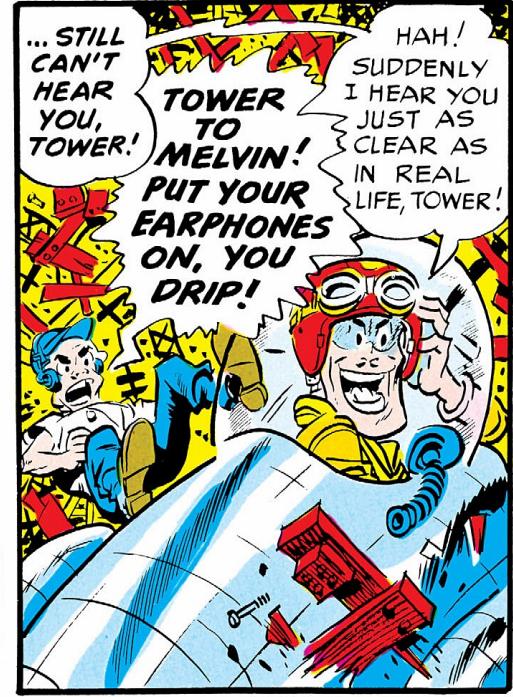
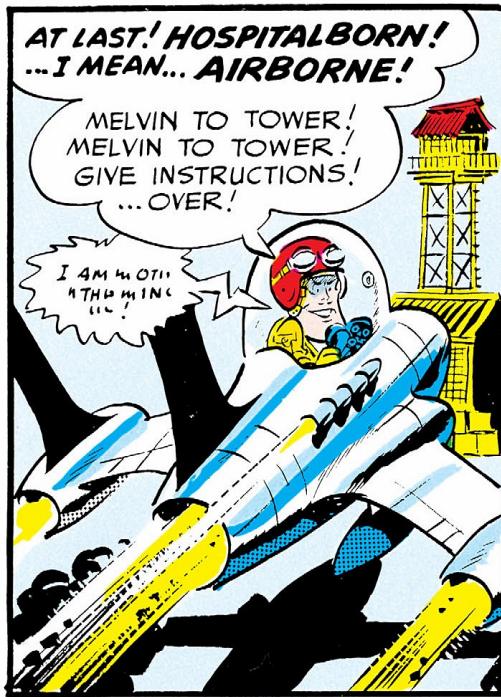
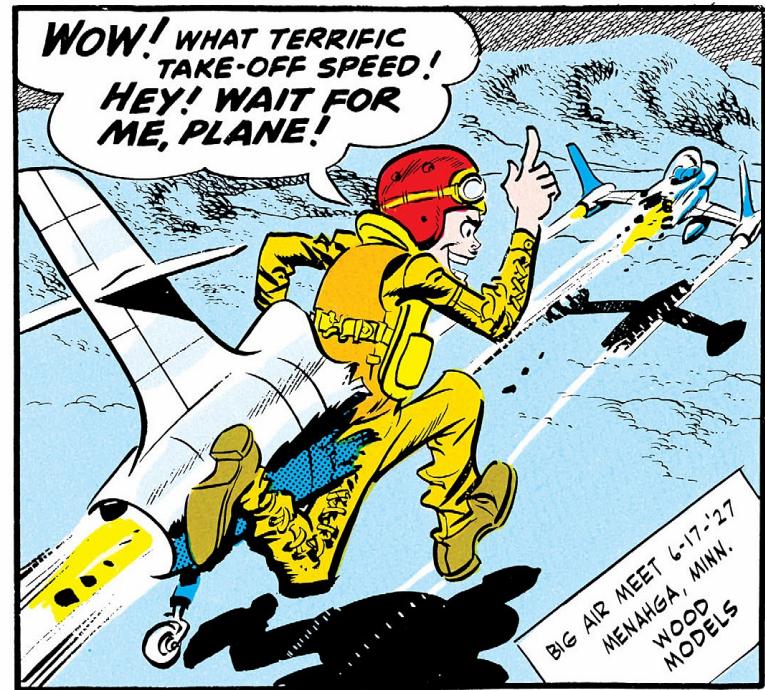
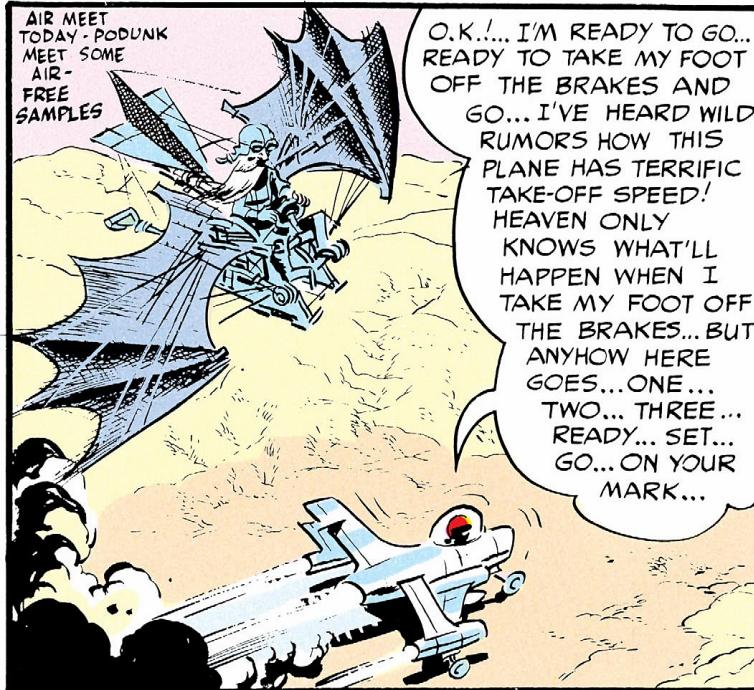
LISTEN TO THAT MOTOR... PURRING LIKE A SEWING MACHINE!... **A SEWING MACHINE???** THIS IS AN AIRPLANE... NOT A SEWING MACHINE!

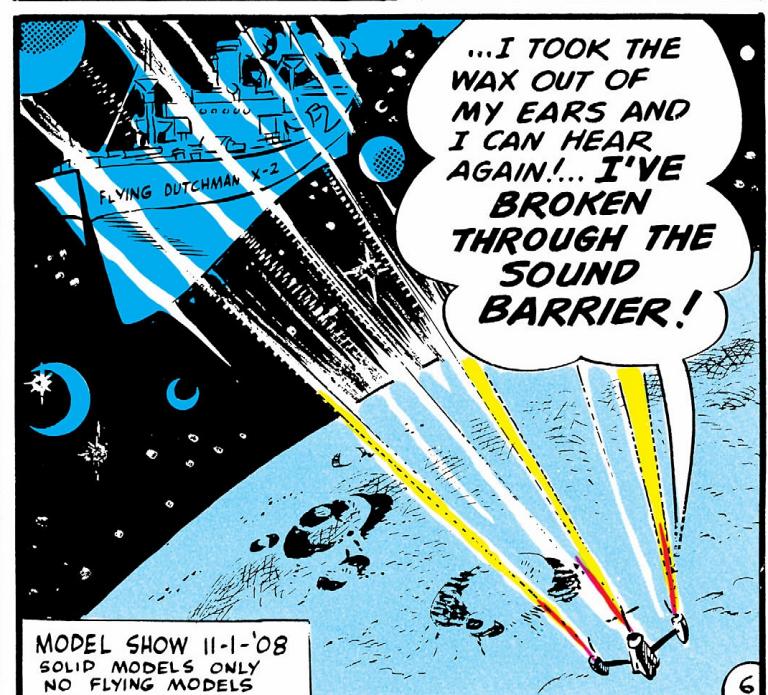
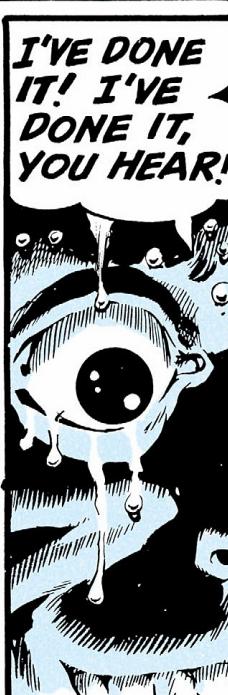
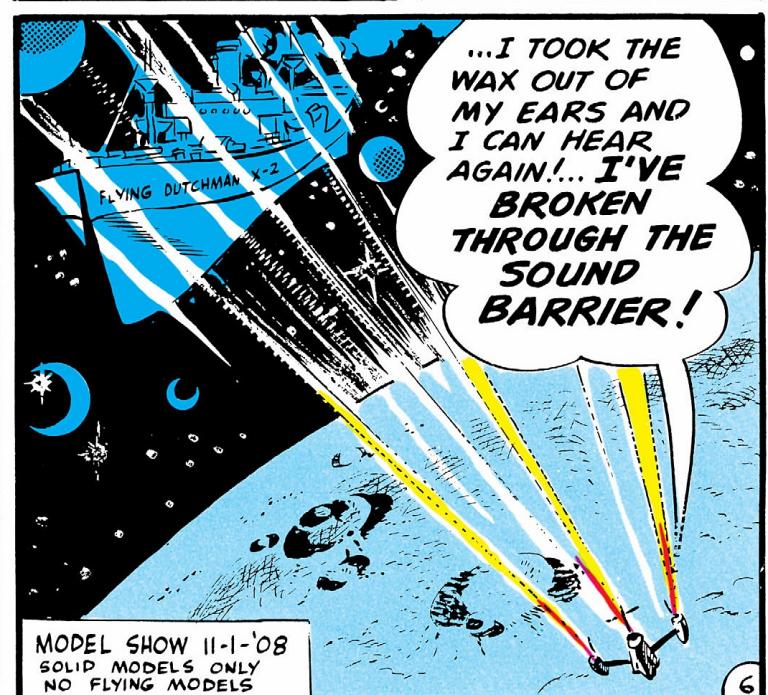
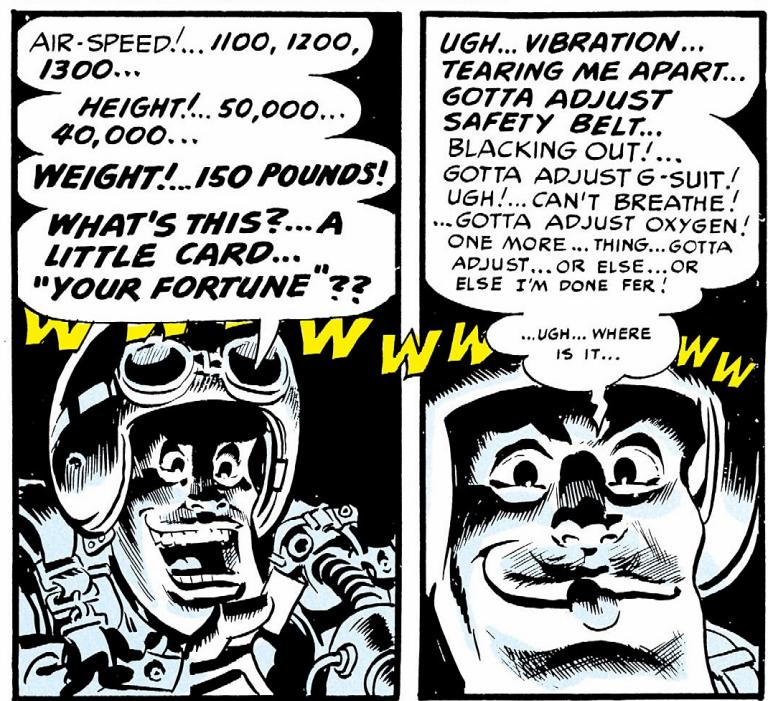
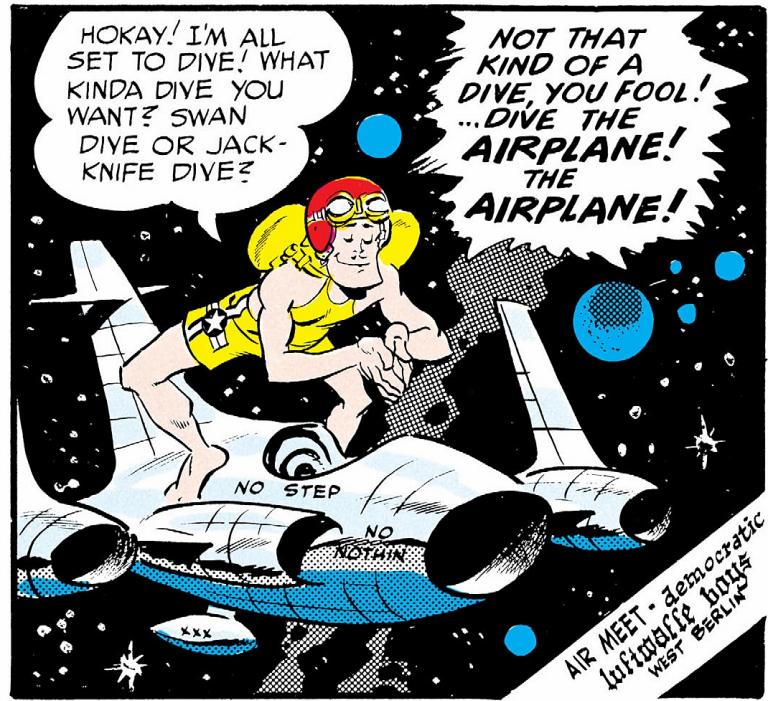
THAT KAPPOKKITTA POKKITA, SOUND IN THE ENGINE!... I DON'T LIKE IT... SHOULD I STAY WITH THE SHIP AND TRY TO SAVE 'ER OR SHOULD I DITCH 'ER!

THAT KAPPOKKITTA-ING!... GETTING LOUDER, LOUDER! IT'S NO USE! I'VE GOTTA HIT THE SEAT EJECTOR BUTTON! I'VE GOTTA BAIL OUT!









MODEL SHOW 11-1-'08
SOLID MODELS ONLY
NO FLYING MODELS

I...I'VE BROKEN
THROUGH THE
SOUND BARRIER
AND I'M BRINGIN'
'ER IN!

I KNOW THAT AFTER SUCH A
STRENUOUS TEST, I SHOULD
JUST BAIL OUT AND ABANDON
HER... BUT I CAN'T SEE LETTING
A BEAUTIFUL SHIP CRASH INTO
A WORTHLESS PILE OF JUNK!
... AH'M A-BRINGIN' 'ER IN!



SMILIN'
MELVIN!
YOU MADE
IT! BUT WHY
DID YOU
RISK YOUR
LIFE? WHY
DIDN'T YOU
BAIL OUT?

I COULDN'T BAIL OUT AND LEAVE
'ER! I HAD TO BRING 'ER IN! I
COULDN'T LET SUCH A TERRIFIC SHIP
GO TO THE JUNK PILE!...BESIDES!...
I FORGOT TO TAKE ALONG
MY PARACHUTE!



YOU ARE SO BRAVE AND I HAVE
BEEN SO MEAN TO YOU, SMILIN'
MELVIN! I AM GOING TO REPENT!
I AM GOING TO DO SOMETHING TO
MAKE UP FOR ALL MY SINS...
AND THAT IS... **TO SHOW YOU THE
SECRET ATTRACTION I HAVE IN
MY FACE!**



BUT BEFORE I DO, THERE IS
SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU!
THAT PLANE YOU JUST TESTED...
THE SECRET-SUPER-TURBO-
HYPER-PTOOEY JET X-13?...
WELL... IT **WASN'T** THE SECRET-
SUPER-TURBO-HYPER PTOOEY-
JET X-13...

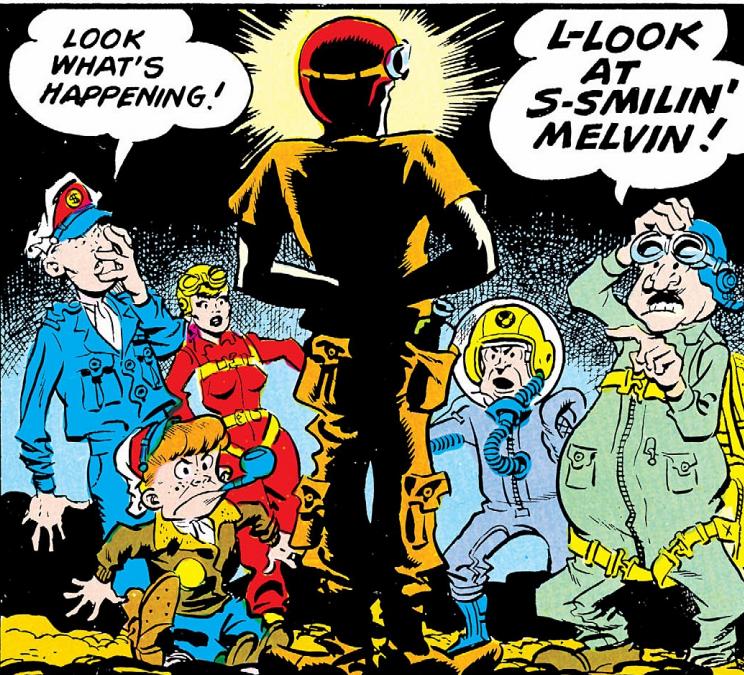


...IT WAS THE SECRET-SUPER-
TURBO-HYPER-PTOOEY-JET Y-13!
YOU GOT INTO THE **WRONG
PLANE** BY MISTAKE! YOU GOT
INTO A PLANE THAT WAS
TESTED AND FLOWN
MONTHS AGO!



LOOK
WHAT'S
HAPPENING!

L-LOOK
AT
S-SMILIN'
MELVIN!



IT'S THE
END OF THE
WORLD!

HEAD
FOR THE
HILLS!

SMILIN'
MELVIN...
...IS NO
LONGER
SMILIN'!

